

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
April 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. Mr. Tassell motioned to excuse Ms. Newsom and Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Newsom arrived to the meeting during the MSD presentation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the April 8, 2019 city council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Presentation MSD on Customer Assistance Program

Representatives from the Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District and the interim director spoke to council about a discount program to serve seniors to help offset the cost of their bill. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for other people's bills to go up as a result of this discount program.

City Engineer Tim Casto Clifford Road

Mr. Casto spoke about the plan to fix Clifford Road from Summit to Irwin and how it will be cost effective to the city. Discussion ensued with many residents from Clifford Road present in the audience who verbally expressed their concerns about their street.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Chris Hedger 4128 St. John's Terrace – Ms. Hedger asked both Mr. Gavin and Ms. Culver if anyone at the last meeting said anything about not wanting Clifford Road fixed. Neither Ms. Culver nor Mr. Gavin would answer this question.

Ms. Hedger then asked both Mr. Gavin and Ms. Culver if we are financially unstable as Ms. Hedger stated that she has heard them both say this in the past. Mr. Gavin stated "no comment". Ms. Culver would not answer the question. Ms. Hedger stated that she is a resident and deserves an answer as Mr. Gavin is her Ward 4 representative as Ms. Hedger lives in this Ward. Ms. Hedger also noted that if we are financially unstable then she wonders why did both Mr. Gavin and Ms. Culver vote for a million dollar street fix. Ms. Hedger then asked how Mr. Gavin and Ms. Culver plan on fixing the rest of our streets. Again both Mr. Gavin and Ms. Culver refused to answer and ignored the question.

Sherry Coots 4300 Clifford Road – Ms. Coots expressed her concern and questioned why her street, Clifford Road, has not been fixed. She is embarrassed to have visitors come to her home due to the terrible conditions and loud how it sounds when cars drive by.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Charles Tassell

March JEDZ Reports

Mr. Tassell presented the March 2019 JEDZ report and filed as reported.

March Auditor's/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Tassell presented the March 2019 Auditor's and Treasurer's report and filed as reported.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp **Fire Lane on Hegner Ave. by corporation line**

Mr. Camp stated that the Fire Lane on Hegner Avenue will be discussed at the May 6 Committee Meeting.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Mike Rapp **Clifford Road**

Mr. Rapp motioned for permission for the safety service director to obtain bids for Clifford Road with the \$700,000 option. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with both Ms. Culver and Mr. Gavin speaking out against this option. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Gavin – abstain, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Dump Truck Lease

Mr. Rapp motioned to move forward on the dump truck lease. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business –

Charter Form of Government

Mr. Tassell stated that volunteers are needed for the Charter Commission and explained to the audience how we are currently a statutory city and want to transition to a charter city.

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 announced that he attended the DP Business Association meeting this meeting regarding Blue Ash Road and that the next step is a bid process that goes to the state before the award is given. Then a meeting with a contractor will occur where a schedule of how things will roll out will be made.

Once we apply for resolution on Clifford Road then our small repairs can be made without interfering in the meantime.

On Thursday there is a meeting for safe school crossings.

On the economic side there is talk of townhomes coming.

The Shell station is under new management who is taking over later this or next week.

The Deer Park Veterinarian was sold and there is a meeting this week as well.

Mr. Jetter stated that we need to support our local urgent care office. Mr. Jetter described his recent experience there and stated that there is usually not a line and if you need care and don't have to go to the ER you should go here. Ms. Newsom complimented the urgent care here as well with her recent experience here.

Mr. Camp pointed out that Blue Ash Road will have some lane closures only now while the wires are relocated to the new poles after Cincinnati Bell is notified.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon thanked Mr. Jetter for all of his hard work since he's come to the city. He also thanked Ms. Hedger, Ms. Coots, the Clifford residents for attending and those on city council for voting to help get Clifford Road repaired.

Schedule

April

April 25,2019 Community Investment Corporation 5:00PM

May

May 6th Public with Legislative Finance Committee on Text Amendment at 6:30 pm

May 6th Council Committee Meeting at 7 pm

May 13,2019 Council Meeting at 7 pm

May 27,2019 Memorial Day City Offices Closed

Upcoming Events

VFW Memorial Day Parade May 27,2019 at 10:00am starting at the Silvertown Memorial

Adjournment

Mr. Lehane motioned to adjourn. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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President of Council

Joan E Perin
Clerk of Council