

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
May 16, 2022

Acting Mayor Shaughn Daily 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. Mr. Camp motioned to excuse Ms. Westmark and Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Feldhaus . Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Presentation: Joshua Hillberry UC DAPP Student

Mr. Joshua Hillberry introduced himself to city council as a 4th year UC student working with DAPP and interested in urban planning. He has been here since February 2022, is required to complete at least 250 hours and has spent at least that much during his internship. Mr. Hillberry showed a prepared slide presentation with 4 potential economic development areas around the city. Goals are to increase walkability, provide a new space with shops, provide more diverse housing options and attract younger people who will move into our city and build a life here.

Conceptualization Models for Economic Development Along Blue Ash Road

1 Schenck Ave. → Bader Ct. –

This would be from the fit body bootcamp building to Bader Ct. and fixed to look like a refurbished train station, since the railroad is on that side of the road. It would contain a biking path and mixed use development.

2 Bader Ct. → Matson Ave. –

This would be a residential area, perhaps a place for a senior living community.

3 Oakwood → Schenck Ave. –

This would be for a commercial storefront (7 or 8 decent sized storefronts no higher than 4 stories). A parking garage behind would provide ample parking in addition to the angled parking across the street.

4 Schenck Ave. → Matson Ave. –

We could block off Schenck Ave and make it one way and/or pedestrian way.

Mr. Hillberry mentioned that to compete with the Kenwood Towne Centre, we would do best to have collectible type shops with diverse and eclectic merchandise. Mr. Jetter stated that the Blue Ash Road Streetscape can become a DORA district and bring the arts to our city.

Proclamation “Pride Month”

Mr. Kelly stated that he spoke with some residents recently who expressed that they would absolutely love it if Deer Park acknowledged and embraced diversity as it would make them feel more welcome in the city where they have lived for two decades. Acting Mayor Shaughn Daily read a Proclamation declaring June 2022 as Pride Month in the City of Deer Park where we celebrate all members of the LGBTQ community and all that they contribute to society in workplaces, schools, sports, science etc.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

April 2022 Fund Report

Mr. Jetter announced that all is in balance with the April 2022 fund report.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

April 2022 Fire Report

Mr. Camp reported that in the month of April 2022 there were 84 EMS runs and 11 Fire runs for a total of 95 in the city of Deer Park. There have been 321 runs so far this year in our joint district and 993 runs so far this year in our entire district.

April 2022 Police Report

Mr. Feldhaus announced that in the month of April 2022 there were 257 calls on 1st shift, 367 on 2nd shift and 124 on 3rd shift. Commendations were given for Officer Volland, Officer Kleeman and Officer Noland along with the entire Dispatch/Clerical staff in honor of Telecommunicator Dispatchers Week. Officer Volland was instrumental in solving the Huntington Bank robbery with the FBI, Officer Kleeman handled a dangerous Psychiatric Commit Run and Officer Noland closed a burglary with the suspect arrested. Mr. Camp announced that there was a major bust in Blue Ash today at Red Roof Inn in mail thefts and this may be the local ring that affected our residents as well.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs announced that Ms. Joyce Kramer raised \$510.00 for the Deer Park Library with her plant sale this past week. Ms. Kramer worked hard raising the plants for a long period of time and they were beautiful. Ms. Downs thanked Ms. Kramer for all her excellent work to help our library and wished her a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Jetter announced that we are out to bid on the 2022 road project.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the Party in the Park series kicks off with The Remains this Saturday, May 21 from 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business/Charter Discussion – None

New Business – None

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – None

City Manager – Mr. Jetter announced that we have only received one bid as our contract with Rumpke is coming up for renewal. There is talk of rates increasing and we would like to lock in a price for 5 years. Mr. Jetter stated that we would like to put stronger language in the contract for missed streets.

Mr. Jetter started a conversation on the summer schedule for city council meetings and recommended that council meet twice in June and once in each July and August. Mr. Camp motioned to have both meetings remain for June on June 6 and June 20 and one meeting only in July on the 18th and one meeting only in August on the 15th. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Discussion ensued where Ms. Downs suggested we keep the first Monday instead of the second for July and August due to her preparing for Block Watch night. Mr. Camp withdrew his motion to change the summer schedule of meetings and it was decided that we will cancel as we go and as it gets closer to those dates. Mr. Jetter noted that we need to get the charter out and ready for the November 2022 ballot. Mr. Jetter also stated that we need

the budget passed by the beginning of July. The townhomes construction has started. Mr. Camp requested that the Clerk of Council have the minutes completed on a high priority so that Ms. Westmark and Mayor Donnellon are aware of what was discussed tonight with the summer schedule and the charter and the budget timelines.

Mayor – Acting Mayor Shaughn Daily advised that he wanted to clarify that Robert’s Rules are no longer in effect in Deer Park since we are a Charter Government now.

Schedule

June 6, 2022 Public Hearing 6:30 pm

June 6, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 7, 2022 NE JEDZ Meeting 4:15 pm – Sycamore Township Community Building

June 20, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Community Events

May 17, 2022 Block Watch 7:00 pm Community Ctr. –Topic: Travel Plans/Safety of Home While Away

May 21, 2022 Block Party on dead end/short side of St. John’s Terrace. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022 Party in the Park with The Remains 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am – Please see Mr. Camp to register.

June 13, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library

September 12, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library

December 12, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Shaughn Daily
Acting Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council