

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Daily motioned to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2023 Tax Budget Public Hearing and the June 19, 2023 Council Meeting. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly abstained. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

None.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-15 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-15, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-15. 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.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the June 2023 JEDZ Report. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the June 2023 Income Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the June 2023 Fund Report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

Mr. Camp presented the June 2023 Fire District report.

Mr. Feldhaus presented the June 2023 Police report.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs –

Ms. Downs gave the following updates on Public Works projects:

- Rack & Ballauer are finalizing road closures for the upcoming Plainfield Road project, which will begin mid-August. Traffic patterns will be changing and residents will be notified.
- The city is working on a street sign replacement program; the new signs will have a blue background with the Deer Park logo.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mr. Feldhaus reported the annual “Days in the Park” festival is set for August 4-5th. There will be a firework display on Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the festival.

The next “Party in the Park” concert is Saturday, July 22.

Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported the committee met on Thursday, June 22.

- The committee voted to include “equity” into the committee’s name.
- The vision statement was finalized and approved. Mr. Kelly read the statement to the audience.
- “Diversity” and its definition and meaning to the committee was discussed.
- The next meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –

None.

Old Business

Ms. Westmark asked if there were any updates to the request made at the last meeting regarding traffic control/speed humps on Lafayette and Hegner Avenues. Chief Battin stated he will take a look at it.

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to retire to executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee, 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 7:28 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to reconvene the regular 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.

New Business

None.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- New signage for the park has been ordered with “We Thrive” grant funds.
- A hand washing station will be in place for the festival.
- A resolution accepting the Hamilton County Emergency Management plan will be on the August agenda. There have been several changes since the last update was done.
- The new dump truck should be delivered in September.
- The estimated cost to repave the parking lot that serves the community center and school is \$100,000. A letter requesting financial support of the project has been sent to the school.
- There are three major economic development projects currently in the works, on Blue Ash Road and Plainfield Road.
- The building at 8108 Blue Ash Road will be coming down soon. The demolition will be done by Evans Landscaping and is being paid for by a CEDAP grant.
- An application for an ODNr grant for the music pavilion has been submitted.

- New lights will be installed at the baseball diamonds.
- The audit contractor that performed the city’s audit has been fired, and all the records submitted to them have been lost. Stay tuned for updates.

Mayor -

Tyra Meredith has been promoted to Assistant Finance Director, with an annual salary of \$52,811.20. All current fringe benefits will be maintained.

Schedule

July 20, 2023 Park Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 3, 2023 Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 8, 2023 Special Election – Ohio Constitutional Amendment.

August 21, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 24, 2023 Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Community Events

July 18, 2023 Block Watch Meeting – Community Center – 7:00 p.m.

August 4-5, 2023 Days in the Park Festival, 6 p.m. to Midnight.

Party in the Park Dates

July 22 – Billy Rock Band

August 19 – Education Breakdown

September 23 – Paisley Cane

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council