

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
June 14, 2021

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. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Feldhaus motioned to excuse Ms. Downs, Mr. Lehane and Mr. Rapp. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2021 Council Meeting, the June 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting and the June 7, 2021 Council Committee Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Newsom. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Chris Westmark Hedger – 4128 St. John’s Terrace – Ms. Westmark Hedger stated that she felt that Mr. Pacheco’s comments could have been addressed ahead of time and some questions were not answered. Ms. Westmark Hedger also stated that she is concerned with the fact that the sidewalks being installed in the St. John’s Terrace project are being widened to 5 feet and will be more costly for residents to replace in the future.

Kerry Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker wanted to know why questions from the audience during committee meetings are not always permitted as she knows we allow it sometimes but feels it should be allowed all the time.

Jerome Keller – 4301 Clifford Road – Mr. Keller stated that a lot of residents walk and enjoy it however there is an overgrown bush out to a fire hydrant and is impassable. He believes it is at 4337 Clifford Road. Mr. Jetter stated that he will look into it.

Standing Committee Reports

May JEDZ Report

Mr. Tolliver reported that we have good news on revenue. The May JEDZ report has been filed as reported.

May Auditor’s and Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Tolliver reported that we are almost \$200,000 ahead of May of 2020. The May Auditor’s and Treasurer’s report has been filed as reported.

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Ron Tolliver

RESOLUTION 2021-13 BUDGET RESOLUTION (First Reading) A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1,

2022 Mr. Tolliver asked the clerk to read Resolution 2021-13 by title only. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move Resolution 2021-13 to the second reading. Mr. Camp seconded the motion.

Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-14 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH THE FRED A. NEWMANN COMPANY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS, FOR CERTAIN STREET REPAIRS

Mr. Tolliver asked the clerk to read Ordinance 2021-14 by title only. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move Ordinance 2021-14 to the second reading. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

May 2021 Fire Report

Mr. Camp reported that in the month of May 2021 there were 74 EMS runs and 13 Fire runs in the city of Deer Park with 219 runs in the entire district. The year to date so far in the entire district is 939. There is a Fire Board meeting tomorrow, June 15.

May 2021 Police Report

Mr. Feldhaus reported that in the month of May 2021 there were 219 calls on first shift, 345 on second shift and 150 on third shift for a total of 714 calls.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Dan Lehane

There is no report this evening.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus reported that there is a Music in the Park scheduled for June 26 where Eden will perform. The Tennis Courts do not yet have the pickleball lines painted however it is being worked on. The Movie in the Park went well this past Saturday and we are glad to see families enjoying it.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –

Kerry Baker - 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker inquired on why a discussion sometimes comes before a vote and why sometimes it comes after a vote on an Ordinance or a Resolution. Discussion ensued. Ms. Baker thanked Mr. Daily for letting the public give comments and stated that if someone is not comfortable with residents speaking at these committee meetings then council should at least allow them to speak when we have an outside speaker and residents have questions.

Chris Westmark Hedger – 4128 St. John’s Terrace – Ms. Westmark Hedger stated that when she was President of Council that she allowed public comment at committee meetings and never had any problems. She also mentioned that the residents of St. John’s Terrace were never notified of the larger sidewalks being put in as Mr. Tassell stated that the sidewalks would not be done. ‘There is a 20% increase in size which also opens more liability for current and future residents. Will the sidewalk program accommodate these extra costs for the future? It was noted by Mr. Tolliver that a change in the sidewalk program would have to go to the Public Works Committee.

Neil Kelley – 7911 Plainfield Road – Mr. Kelley stated that wider sidewalks are more helpful for him when riding in his electric wheelchair.

New Business – Mr. Tolliver motioned to add a special council meeting on July 6, 2021, before the regularly scheduled committee meeting, for the purpose of passing legislation. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Jetter stated the following: We have received a grant for Wi-Fi hotspots throughout the city. The Blue Ash Road streetscape mill and grind will begin on Thursday and Friday with angle parking going in by the railroad tracks.

The land where the bowling alley was has water standing and needs to be removed.

There is a delay on the townhomes project however the tax liens have been removed.

Mr. Jetter has a meeting next week on mixed use developer. The phase II of Blue Ash Road is being worked on from Chamberlin Park to the corp. line at Silverton. Mr. Jetter gave the recycling report and it generated money for our city.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon announced that we are looking for another band for the July 24th Music in the Park as the originally scheduled Sunburners have a scheduling conflict.

The Memorial Day parade was a huge success. Mayor Donnellon thanked Mr. Eugene Handley for his volunteering with painting and providing supplies in Chamberlin Park on the grills, swings and shelter. The Days in the Park Festival is on August 6 and August 7 and we need volunteers.

Schedule

June 15, 2021 Deer Park/Silverton Fire District Meeting 4:30pm at the Fire District HQ

July 6, 2021 Special Council Meeting 7:00 pm

July 6, 2021 Council Committee Meeting - Immediately following the Special Council Meeting

July 12, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00pm

August 2, 2021 Council Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

August 9, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

October 25, 2021 Records Commission Meeting 6:00 pm

Community Events

June 15, 2021 Block Watch 7:00 pm at the Community Center/Discussion by OHSP

June 26, 2021 Music in the Park Eden 7-10 pm

July 10, 2021 Music in the Park Frogman, 7-10 pm

*Tentative July 24, 2021 Music in the Park ~~Sunburners~~, 7-10 pm (Looking for another band due to scheduling conflict)

August 6 & 7 ***Days in the Park 6pm to 12:00 am***

Adjournment

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to adjourn. Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council