

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for NCH Council Meeting, Monday March 06, 2023, 7:00pm

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PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Dukes Dean	Dewald	Underwood	Alexander	Zorb	Blythe	Anderson
Not Present at roll call.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Ms. Zorb stated that Ms. Dukes Dean will be arriving late was not at roll call.

AGENDA

- Motion from Ms. Dewald and 2nd Ms. Anderson to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

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- Ms. Dewald motioned to adopt the minutes and 2nd by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATION

Resident Emails and February Mayors Court Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

City Community and Development & Recreation: Ms. Anderson reports.

- Not met since last meeting
- Next meeting March 13, 2023.

Budget and Finance: Ms. Zorb reports.

- There was one meeting that held executive session the entire time.
- Next meeting March 13, 2023.

Rules & Public Policy: Ms. Underwood reports:

- Reviewed the council rules and make any updates as needed.
- Next meeting March 27, 2023.

Public Safety: Ms. Underwood reports:

- Discussed a copy of the FOP union agreement. They did not review it fully. Talked about traffic calming issues.
- Next meeting March 27, 2023.

- Ms. Dewald handed out the legislation that was added to the agenda.

Ad Hoc Report:

- Ms. Zorb will be making a motion in new business for the Tree City Board for the Christmas Tree.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Ms. Nichols reports:

- She suggested city council look at more funding for speed humps from the citizen email sent to council.
 - They also received a quote to replace the islands and it came around \$43 thousand dollars.
 - Mayors Court Report fines are up \$14 thousand from last year.
 - Welcomed the new city administrator Jennifer Ekey.
- City Administrator Mr. Schrand reports:

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- Thanked council and mayor for the welcoming. She will be sending out one on one meetings with each council members.
 - Need notifications from council for trainings.
 - The amber alert from NCH last week gave the update; the police put in several hours to recover the child successfully.
 - The Recreation Department received a grant.
 - Relaunched the city website.
 - Received the draft of the street sweeper schedule.
 - Ms. Blythe asked about the trainings time, the administrator gave the times and it will be recorded she can provide.
 - Ms. Zorb stated there was an artist that was supposed to do ally painting. The motion was passed and Ms. Zorb did get in contact and will forward the email to the administrator.

Law Director

- Mr. Deters confirmed there were no material changes to the FOP Union contract.

Finance Director

- Nothing reported.

Ms. Dukes Dean arrived at 7:15 for the meeting.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Dukes Dean: Nothing to report.

Ms. Dewald: Welcomed Jennifer Ekey.

Ms. Underwood: Welcomed Jennifer Ekey.

Ms. Alexander: Welcomed Jennifer Ekey.

Ms. Zorb: Welcomed Jennifer Ekey, thanked for the street sweeper schedule.

Ms. Blythe: Reminded council that the HVAC system needs to be repaired.

Ms. Anderson: Wished a happy Women's History Month. Welcomed Jennifer Ekey.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Rashawnda Joiner spoke about her home 1625 W Belmar Place in NCH. She has experienced storm water flooding from a drain located behind her home. She currently has no hot water or heat due to the flooding. She would like to council to do something.
 - Ms. Dewald believes there was work done to the street for stormwater, but unsure
 - Ms. Ekey confirmed she will take a look into the issue and the history of the issue and reach back out to Ms. Joiner.
 - Ms. Joiner asked to be a part of any meetings.
 - Ms. Nichols believes there is a collapsed pipe under a home but the resident would not sell so they could not fix it.
- Dante Foster spoke about his property at 1610 Goodman Ave, there is an abandoned ally behind his home. He would like to build a new garage on there, but it still owned by the city but is not in use. He has been maintaining the ally and would like for council to give him ownership.
 - He gave council the dimensions and picture of the said property.
 - Mr. Deters suggested that he get with Ms. Ekey and if there is no issue then they could give it to the owners that are next to the alley.

LEGISLATION

FIRST READING RES. NO 06-2023 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.

FIRST READING RES. NO 07-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO

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ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR RETAIL ELECTRICITY WITH A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER THROUGH THE CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY CONSORTIUM

Ms. Dewald motioned to suspend further readings and 2nd by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Dukes Dean would like to confirm that she can vote, Ms. Zorb stated she could because she was not excused. Mr. Deters confirmed this allows the city get a little discount for electric and gas and the city can still participate, it is just a renewal. Confirmed that this is timely.

Ms. Dewald motioned to adopt the resolution and 2nd by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.

FIRST READING RES. NO 08-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023

FURTHER REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (as it pertains to legislation)

- No further remarks from the audience.

OLD BUSINESS

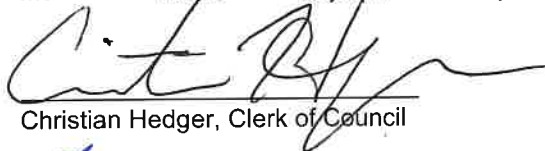
- Ms. Blythe confirmed with the FOP Union contract is the same documents received last week. Ms. Zorb confirmed.
- Ms. Alexander reminded council to file their Ohio Ethics filings.
- Ms. Blythe confirmed that she completed the sunshine training, is it annual. Ms. Dukes Dean confirmed it is only needed once per term.
- Ms. Dukes Dean confirmed she did not receive the email from the resident but sees her email was listed. She confirmed it was misspelled and that was the reason.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Zorb motions for Council to approve a \$2,000 Christmas Tree expense to Lester Tree Health Professionals to line item 301.101.301.524200 and 2nd by Ms. Dewald. Motion passed 7-0.
 - Ms. Dukes Dean asked if it was supposed to sent to Budget and Finance Committee. She is fine either way.
 - Ms. Zorb confirmed that there is a time crunch and that it must be planted within the next month.
 - Ms. Zorb confirmed once the tree is planted there is no issue for the tree to disturb the tree or sign. The new sign will not effect the tree.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dewald motioned to adjourn and 2nd by Ms. Anderson. Motioned passed. 7-0.



Christian Hedger, Clerk of Council



Mike Graver, President of Council