

# NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for NCH Council Meeting, Monday March 20, 2023, 7:00pm

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## PRAYER

## CALL TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ROLL CALL

|            |         |           |           |         |         |          |
|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Dukes Dean | Dewald  | Underwood | Alexander | Zorb    | Blythe  | Anderson |
| Absent     | Present | Present   | Present   | Present | Present | Absent   |

Ms. Dewald and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood motioned to excuse Ms. Dukes Dean and Ms. Anderson Motion Passed 5-0.

## AGENDA

- Motion from Ms. Dewald and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Zorb to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

## MINUTES Council Meeting Minutes 03-06-2023

- Ms. Dewald motioned to adopt the minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Zorb. Motion passed 5-0.

## COMMUNICATION

- Nothing to report.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**City Community and Development & Recreation:** Ms. Dewald reports.

- No report given due to the absence of both chair and vice chair.
- Next meeting April 10, 2023.

**Budget and Finance:** Ms. Dewald reports.

- There were several executive sessions to discuss salaries. There was a resident who wants to put in a business in NCH.
- Next meeting April 10, 2023.

**Rules & Public Policy:** Ms. Underwood reports:

- Not met since last meeting.
- Next meeting March 27, 2023.

**Public Safety:** Ms. Underwood reports:

- Not met since last meeting.
- Next meeting March 27, 2023.

## Ad Hoc Report:

- Ms. Zorb reports about the Tree board and the new Christmas Tree is out front of the city center and is be planted tomorrow.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Ms. Nichols reports:

- She saw the new tree excited to see it in the ground. She did talk to the possible new business owner about possible zoning changes. The Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held by the Church on April 1, 2023. The resident about the stormwater flooding from last meeting, the city is still in contact with on trying to resolve it. Asked Ms. Underwood if they can look over the parental ordinance in Rules and Public Policy. Food Truck Friday is started back, is the first Friday of every month, next one is April 14 from 5:00pm 8:00pm.

City Administrator Ms. Ekey reports:

- Met with various city council members and department heads. The police department is working on new training and traffic issues. They are paying off a loan on an ambulance with some of the Cares Act funds. The turn out was good for the last Food Truck Friday. The recreation department has been

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working on the senior center, trying to get it organized. The Finance Department is auditing the benefits for employees. Completed the biometric screening for employees. Streamlined the on boarding process for all new city hires. The new Christmas Tree will be planted tomorrow.

Law Director`

- A motion was made at the last meeting to authorize the purchase of the tree. It was determined that council can motion to enter into a contract to purchase a Christmas Tree. But if it is not appropriated to the funds then it must be written legislation.
- It appears that to fill the council seat from Ms. Anderson resigning because she is nonpartisan, it would be a motion from council and then a simple affirmative majority from council to appoint a new council member.

Finance Director

- Nothing reported.

### CALL OF MEMBERS

**Ms. Dukes Dean:** Not present.

**Ms. Dewald:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Underwood:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Alexander:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Zorb:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Blythe:** Wished the NCH students all the success in the school year.

**Ms. Anderson:** Not present.

### REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Latonya Jackson has been a resident for 3 years. She would like to be at the meetings regularly to know what is going on. She would like to see a community garden. She is a water scientist and the NCH school is a super fund site. A super fund site is a place at one time was a very polluted land. She does test the water regularly.
  - Ms. Nicholas confirmed there is a community garden behind the NCH School Board office.
- Orlena Brooks came a couple weeks ago about the flooding they were experiencing. She confirmed they still do not have heat. She is asking the city to come out and clean the storm drain.
  - Ms. Nicholas confirmed the city engineers came out and working to find a solution.
  - Ms. Ekey will see if someone can come out to clean the storm drain.

### LEGISLATION

**SECOND 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.

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

- Ms. Zorb thought there was a deadline for this legislation. There would be another meeting before the due date.

**FIRST READING** RES. NO 09-2023 A RESOLUTION TO ASK FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SPLASH PAD AT DUMELE PARK.

**FIRST READING** RES. NO 10-2023 A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 26, 2023 IN HONOR OF ALICE AND PHOEBE CARY, AS POETS, ABOLITIONISTS AND FEMINISTS

- This was Ms. Anderson that she would like presented to council.

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**FIRST READING** RES. NO 11-2023 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREGORY FORREST LESTER, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A NORWAY SPRUCE "CHRISTMAS TREE"

**FIRST READING** ORD. NO 01-2023 AN ORDINANCE MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

**FIRST READING** ORD. NO 02-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO LAWANDA WILLIS FOR FINANCE MANAGER DUTIES

**FIRST READING** ORD. NO 03-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND A CITY DEVELOPMENT/RECREATION FUND TO REPLACE THE CITY'S HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND

**FIRST READING** ORD. NO 04-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A PAY STIPEND TO POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF FOR JOINTLY ASSISTING WITH THE DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

- No further remarks from the audience.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Underwood would like to discuss the committees. She would like to resign from City Community and Development & Recreation and Budget and Finance Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Underwood needs to have a discuss the committee appointments. Ms. Alexander is volunteering for the Vice Chair for City Community and Development & Recreation
  - Ms. Zorb motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood to appoint Ms. Alexander to the Vice Chair for City Community and Development & Recreation. Motion 5-0.
- Mr. Graver will work on getting a chair.
- Ms. Underwood motioned to appoint Ms. Dewald as the Primary Delegate for RITA and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Zorb. Motion passed 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Dewald motioned to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motioned passed. 5-0.



Christian Hedger, Clerk of Council



Mike Graver, President of Council