

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for NCH Council Meeting, Monday April 03, 2023, 7:00pm

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PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Dukes Dean	Dewald	Underwood	Alexander	Zorb	Blythe	Anderson
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

AGENDA

- Motion from Ms. Dewald and 2nd Ms. Anderson to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

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

COMMUNICATION

- Provided March Mayors Court Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

- Discussed current several pieces of legislation. Update on the Senior Center. Had an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Talked about the new bulletin board.
- Next meeting April 10, 2023.

Budget and Finance: Ms. Dewald reports.

- Not met since last meeting.
- Next meeting April 10, 2023.

Rules & Public Policy: Ms. Underwood reports:

- Discussed a facility use policy for city center and senior center. Discussed the parental ordinance and reviewing it. Did not discuss council rules but may have a new council binder for all new members. They have some follow up items with the law director.
- Next meeting April 24, 2023.

Public Safety: Ms. Underwood reports:

- Discussed street signage provided by Ms. Ekey. They want to have consistent size. They talked about traffic calming solutions, she gave an example of Reading Rd which has speed humps. Talked about flashing stop signs.
- Next meeting April 24, 2023.

Ad Hoc Report:

- None given.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Ms. Nichols reports:

- Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. She agrees that all that can be done for traffic calming should be completed. She believes adding speed humps and add reflectors could help. She believes adding speed humps on main streets could be a good idea. The city needs to be proactive on slowing traffic. Wished everyone a happy Easter.
 - Ms. Zorb asked if painting the curbs yellow too. Ms. Nicholas is not opposed.
 - Ms. Dewald thought that was a good idea. The city will need to look into it.
 - Possibly adding street lights that run together.
 - Ms. Underwood liked the idea of adding a traffic circle.
 - Ms. Anderson thinks there should be more police presence on the streets that residents

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would see immediately.

- Ms. Alexander confirmed that residents want police presence for traffic and safety.

City Administrator Ms. Ekey reports:

- The signed the electric rates contract for the city. Filed the Ohio EPA report. She will follow up with our engineers on traffic calming. First Community Take Action Days is coming up. Public Works is getting ready for the spring. She will prepare a written monthly administration report to council following the ending of a month. Brought attention to council of an issue on Belmar that was emailed.
 - Ms. Zorb asked if the report will look back and forward. She can include both.
 - The Community Action Day was the Clean Up Day.
 - Ms. Underwood asked about Belmar is about flooding, she confirmed.

Law Director

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director

- Not present.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Duker Dean: Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. She has experienced the traffic issues around current construction and believes it is not attributed to speed but traffic needs better redirection. Would like to have a flagger out there. She believes the other accident was due to speed. She would like to make improvements. Wished everyone a happy Easter. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Dewald: She agrees the city needs traffic calming. Wished everyone a happy Easter. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Underwood: Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. She will continue to pursue traffic calming. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Alexander: Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Zorb: Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Blythe: Gave her condolences to the officer and a resident death in the in NCH. Wished everyone a happy Easter. Thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

Ms. Anderson: Thanked all the fire and police department for their service and working with her. Thanked our public works department. Thanked all of council and administration for their service. She promises she will be back.

Mr. Graver also thanked Ms. Anderson for her service on council and wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Mr. Alexander is concerned about the speeding and wants the city to do something. He believes they should implement more speed humps. He also thinks the dark NCH police cars are hard to see and possibly change the colors. He wants to know the rules about high-speed chases. He wants everyone to follow the laws.
 - Ms. Dewald believes that our police department does have a no chase policy. She stated that we can't control other cities or jurisdictions.
 - Ms. Anderson agrees the policy is great but we need everyone to follow them. She believes then it should start with NCH city officials should set the example.
 - Ms. Nicholas confirmed with Ms. Ekey what are the protocols for when other officers enter our city. She believes that speed did play a part.
- Ms. Joiner wanted to know the direction where the city is headed with a resolution to the storm water flooding at her home.
 - Ms. Underwood confirmed there is a report prepared by the city administrator to address the

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issue.

- Ms. Ekey explained they will talk after the meeting.

LEGISLATION

THIRD 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.

- Ms. Underwood motioned to adopt and 2nd by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 6-0-1 abstain.

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

- Ms. Underwood motioned to adopt and 2nd by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 7-0.

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

- Ms. Underwood moved to suspend the readings and 2nd by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 6-1.
 - Ms. Zorb wanted to understand the justification to suspend the readings. Ms. Underwood confirmed this is just a request to get proposals and doesn't want this to take any longer.
 - Ms. Nicholas amend the resolution to add emergency to the title, "and declaring an emergency"
 - Ms. Anderson motions to amend create a new Section III and the old section III become IV. The new section III states "The council hereby declares an emergency with respect to the passage of the resolution, which shall therefore immediately takes effect upon its passage." 2nd Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.
 - Ms. Anderson motioned to amend the resolution title adding to the end "and declaring an emergency" and 2nd by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.
 - Ms. Anderson motioned to adopt the amended and 2nd by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.

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

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

- Ms. Anderson would like to see it pass while she's on council.

Ms. Anderson motioned to adopt and 2nd by Ms. Zorb. Motion passed 7-0.

SECOND 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"

Ms. Underwood motioned to suspend readings and 2nd by Ms. Dewald. Motion passed 6-1.

- Ms. Dukes Dean the tree is already planted.

Ms. Anderson motioned to adopt and 2nd by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.

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

- Ms. Underwood thought the title would change with the ordinance or resolutions.
 - Ms. Dewald confirmed the appendix does state the reason.

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- Mr. Hedger confirmed the title was presented with the current title and that was how it was sent.
 - Ms. Zorb confirmed the conversation was had.
 - Ms. Dukes Dean confirmed the title should be sent to the clerk of council with the title.
 - Ms. Dewald does not recall this conversation.

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

- Ms. Dewald confirmed that she heard from Ms. Willis that she did receive a bonus from the city.
 - Ms. Dukes Dean did confirm that the administration did look for the records and could not find anything.
 - Ms. Underwood had a point of order since not final reading.
 - Mr. Graver agreed and moved on to the next reading.

SECOND 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

SECOND 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

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Anderson thanked Ms. Clear for all her work too.
- Ms. Zorb asked the administration about the HVAC.
 - Ms. Ekey is still receiving more bids.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Christian Hedger, Clerk of Council

Mike Graver, President of Council