

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8:37 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, Chuck Kocisko, Justin Ring, John Ruediger, Julie Field, Mike Lampa [all by Zoom video conferencing]

ABSENT: Jennifer Wagner

ALSO PRESENT: [by Zoom video conferencing:]
Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Darin Powers, Police Chief
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MS. WAGNER, WHO WAS UNABLE TO CONNECT AND JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None received.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Powers thanked Mike and Josh Lampa for having lunch delivered to the Police Department and the Fire Department got lunch too.

Chief Powers mentioned that the City-wide signalization project was moving forward and soon the preemptive system would be installed in the emergency vehicles so they would get the signals to change for them as they went through town on emergency calls. The GPS preemptive system would be installed on 10 patrol cars and on the Fire Department vehicles that normally responded to calls. The preemptive system would eventually be installed on the Service trucks to be turned on as needed for snow plowing so they would not have to sit at intersections and could proceed through town.

Mr. Mytinger reported that he had sent out his monthly report to Council last week. The City had decided to close all parks and cancel all recreation programs and Senior activities tomorrow through June 1, 2020 including the City-wide garage sale and both tournament rentals that were going to be played at City Park due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They would reevaluate things about May 20, 2020. Summer Camp and Safety Land was still undetermined if they could be conducted safely in the current health environment; as of today Governor DeWine had still declared those activities to be closed and Mr. Mytinger would probably have to send a cancellation notice soon so parents could make other arrangements this summer.

Mrs. Field commented that a previous memo from Mr. Mytinger had said that the Department was hopeful to start the youth sports season the week of May 18, 2020, but after Governor DeWine's statements today, that had been changed. Mrs. Field asked if Streetsboro could do something other than what the governor had recommended because she felt outdoor sports were a healthy activity; or could private organizations do something other than what the governor had recommended and use our facilities. Mr. Mytinger said the governor's stay at home order and social distancing requirements were in effect so the City could not host such activities until that was lifted by the governor.

Mr. Ring added that restaurants were allowed to open next week with regulations, but restaurants were licensed by the state and licenses could be revoked if the owners didn't adhere to the regulations. Everyone wanted to be safe, but also needed to get back to some normalcy. He said Streetsboro had a home rule Charter and the City didn't have a license the governor could revoke. Mr. Ring wondered, if the governor's order was unconstitutional or overreaching, could the City oppose the governor and allow sports, if it wanted to. Mr. Beni responded that the cities had home rule power, but a state governor's order trumped that, and the governor had precluded cities from opening their parks and swimming pools, etc. Mr. Beni thought there might be some mini rebellions throughout the state soon because others were starting to feel the same way too and there might even be some legal actions filed, even if they might not be successful.

Mr. Ruediger said he understood Mrs. Field and Mr. Ring's feelings, but he would hate to see Streetsboro allowed recreation events and then find out there was an outbreak of COVID-19 from an event. Mr. Kocisko said he'd also love to get back to normal, but the legislatures had to walk a fine line by even suggesting breaking the rules set by the governor, and we just have to follow his decision. Mr. Ruediger agreed.

Mrs. Field felt as a Council Member she was willing to bring this up for her constituents and their freedoms. She viewed a lot of this as very unconstitutional and it was angering to her. She said there were several private organizations in the community and they should be able to carry on if they wanted to, especially if their sports events were outdoors. She felt if Streetsboro opened its facilities the surrounding communities would join in also; and if that landed Streetsboro on the news, she thought that would be awesome. She saw these lockdown orders as an overreach of the government, which was frustrating.

Mr. Ruediger understood she was suggesting private organizations make their own decisions, but they would be using our public facilities and it would be irresponsible for the City to allow that in contradiction to what the governor had set in place. He felt it would be horrible for Streetsboro to end up on the news because the City allowed sports events and a bunch of kids came down with COVID-19.

Mr. Mytinger stated that he had already spoken to Streetsboro United and the league they play in had already cancelled their spring season, but they were still considering a late June or July league based on the restrictions from the State at that time. Mr. Mytinger said he had also talked to the President of Streetsboro Junior Baseball who felt the same, that it was not a popular decision to cancel activities, but it was probably the right decision at this time. If restriction were lifted by the end of May or whenever, the Parks and Recreation Department would be ready to open the park and provide the facilities for youth activities.

Mr. Ring said at some point this disease would need to run through society for people to become immune. He also mentioned that he and many others were personally affected by the economic impact of the shutdown order. He felt as a public entity Streetsboro needed to respect the decision of the State/Governor, but he didn't see a problem with questioning it and respected Mrs. Field's choice to question it and felt similarly. He didn't want to put the City in

a position to get in any legal trouble or financial trouble by taking certain actions or to put our own public at risk. He said eventually this would run through the community and then things would open again, but until then, he was just playing devil's advocate, and he respected the opinion of the administration and the department heads.

Mr. Ruediger said as a small business owner he really felt the economic downtown and was truly affected by everything being closed down. He really wanted things open again and for this all to be over as quickly as possible, but the only way to do that was to flatten the curve and slow the spread of the disease until the medical professionals felt it was safe to open things and get back together again.

Chief Powers commented that although the orders were from the State level, they had tasked the local health departments and local law enforcement to enforce them. He realized everyone was impatient to get back to normal life, but he didn't want the City to do something that would require the local officers or local health department to enforce something against our own city. Mrs. Field understood the situation. Mr. Ruediger emphasized that he also understood that everyone wanted to get back to normal, but there were a lot of rules we had to follow for the time being for everyone's safety; the only way we're going to get through this was to shut everything down for a short time. If cities opened too soon they might have another wave of illnesses/deaths.

Mr. O'Malia wanted to mention economic projections. While Streetsboro would certainly feel a downturn and an economic impact from the coronavirus/COVID-19 he felt that Streetsboro was in a fairly strong position. He had been fielding more calls from the manufacturing base on how to find employees than one would normally expect in a downturn like this; there were plenty of good jobs available and they were still hiring. He also mentioned that Congress had reauthorized the CARES Act (Paycheck Protection Act) for small businesses; it would be less funding than the first time, but it had not been well publicized. There were people that needed this and did not get it the first time around. Should anyone with a small business wish to secure funding this time around, there were funds available again although maybe not at the levels needed for true buoyancy.

Mr. Ring thanked Mr. O'Malia for the update. He asked if Mr. O'Malia had heard anything concerning from local business owners. Mr. O'Malia said this would not be felt the same way all around. One of Streetsboro's largest employers was projecting their sales to actually go up substantially, and they were hiring, because they were making a product that was necessary for COVID-19 testing. Of course there were other businesses not doing well; he was concerned about the Streetsboro barbershops, hair salons, restaurants and service sector. He added that normally he might say that it was not good to not have a lot of small businesses in a community, but in this pandemic situation it was fantastic because he was not worried about the larger companies like Target and Walmart because he knew they would be able to bounce back just fine after this was over. He was concerned about the small local restaurants and about businesses in the service sector and the personal fitness sphere that just opened and may have taken out a lot of debt and got hit at a very unfortunate time. Realizing that most of the Streetsboro businesses were manufacturing businesses he had not heard anything that he found terribly concerning. And for those that did shut down, they were all up and running again, most operating at full speed maybe in split shifts to maintain social distancing. Mr. Ruediger commented that one of the businesses in town made a Purell type hand sanitizer product and was definitely working non-stop to keep up with demand. Mr. O'Malia added that most economists were projecting that the nation would peak at about 14% unemployment and we didn't want that; although the nation was overdue for some correction, this was significant.

Mr. Ring wondered if Mr. O'Malia had a feeling for the number of small business in our community that may not be able to reestablish themselves after this. Mr. O'Malia did not want to make a conjecture. There were a lot of landlords willing to work with their tenants and he

felt a lot of small businesses would survive even if it was in a slightly different manner. He said it was nice that there were good jobs available in the community if people wanted to work in the manufacturing sector. This could be a blessing in disguise to reallocate some of our workforce from food service to manufacturing, for example.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-6835 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-168, THE 2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#5]

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-65.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6836 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE CONTRACT WITH ENERGY HARBOR LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CITY'S AGGREGATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION NECESSARY TO SUPPLY ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY TO ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH CUSTOMER METER READINGS IN MARCH 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-66.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6837 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO AND CONSUMERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE HEALTH, LIFE AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, RESPECTIVELY, TO ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT WITH AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. TO PROVIDE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES, ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR EMPLOYER-

PROVIDED INSURANCE, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WHO DECLINE HEALTH INSURANCE, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 133.06(e) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACTS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-67.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6838 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR MOLD REMEDIATION, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR AT THE SERVICE GARAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO TIMELY ACQUIRE PARTS FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-68

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6839 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 133.12 OF TITLE FIVE, PART ONE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF TAX REVENUE PRODUCED BY THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SO THAT SUCH TERMS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-69.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

T-6829

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §125.04(C) BY ENTERING INTO A THIRTY-SIX MONTH CONTRACT WITH CINTAS TO PROVIDE FLOOR MAT AND UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO.

The Clerk read by title as directed for third reading. Ms. Esarey explained that this needed to take effect immediately, although it had gone through three readings, to be in effect by the end of April when the old Purchase Order and old contract expired and it could not wait thirty days.

MOTION: TO AMEND T-6829 TO BE EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-70 AS AMENDED.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6830

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE AND UPFITTING OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE TRUCK FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Council considered removing this item from the agenda and not authorizing the purchase of this truck due to the current economic conditions, although Council had previously chosen to authorize the purchase of a vehicle for the Water Department. Mayor Broska asked that the authorization to purchase this truck be approved with the understanding that the administration would not move forward with the purchase at this time. He would come back to Council if they were to purchase the truck later. Mr. Ruediger said he wasn't comfortable approving the legislation if the administration was not going to make the purchase and Mr. Ring agreed. He said if for some reason this truck needed to be purchased quickly, the administration could bring emergency legislation back to Council.

MOTION: TO REMOVE T-6830 FROM THE AGENDA.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska said the City would get a refund this year from the Bureau of Workers Comp of \$261,000 to be received this week. That money would go into the General Fund. Mayor Broska also report that they started moving dirt for the new fire station today, the road work in front of Brown Derby that was part of the City-wide signalization system was almost done and then they would go to the Market Square and SR 14 intersection next. He said only about five

traffic signals had been powered up so far; there had been a malfunction in the lights at Market Square over the weekend, but it had been fixed by Perrin Electric who was setting up the City-wide signalization system with ODOT.

Mayor Broska said he had emailed Council regarding the cancellation of the Memorial Day Parade because mass gathering were still prohibited through May. He said it was a difficult decision but people could still honor the veterans that gave it all for their country by individually visiting the two memorials in town at Evergreen Cemetery and Public Square and remembering those veterans. He noted this was all difficult for everyone but since the administration could not ensure that people would maintain social distancing and be safe during this pandemic they decided to cancel the parade. He said lots of people had been profoundly affected by this pandemic and the economic downturn and some were suffering greatly and this was definitely not fun for anyone. Mayor Broska hoped we could get through this as quickly as possible and return to normalcy again soon. The governor had set down his guidelines on what businesses needed to do to reopen including wearing masks everywhere, which was often difficult for some to comply with.

Mr. Ruediger asked if the new traffic signal system would have flashing lights again at night at the less busy intersection. Mayor Broska said yes; the controller was not installed in dispatch yet and all that would be programmed when the installation was all complete. After six months the system would be fine-tuned and refined.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Ruediger thanked all the Moms in the community and wished them Happy Mother's Day.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Lampa congratulated all the high school seniors who were missing some significant milestones this year. He mentioned a student, Thianna Linear, who did an "Adopt a Senior" program so each of the high school seniors would get personally recognized by someone in the community. He also thanked Tracy Campbell for collecting \$5,110 to give gift bags to seniors as they picked up their cap and gown. Mr. Lampa also said the new traffic signals looked great and the one on his street was working well. He said Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Ring said he agreed with the Mayor regarding the Memorial Day Parade and asked everyone to still honor the soldiers who sacrificed themselves for our freedom and also the veterans who served and have since passed away. He said one way to honor them was to live free and not give in to tyranny, and stand up for what's right. Mr. Ring wished Happy Mother's Day to the moms and single fathers.

Mr. Hannan clarified with the Council Members that the next Council Meeting in May would also be by Zoom videoconferencing and not in person.

Announcements

There will be a Public Hearing for the Tax Budget, a Safety Committee, a Service Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers and/or through video conferencing.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

John Ruediger Council President