

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, Mike Lampa, John Ruediger, Jennifer Wagner, Chuck Kocisko, Julie Field

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Beni, Law Director  
Tricia Wain, Police Chief  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Justin Ring, Council Members  
Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
Matt Glass, City Engineer  
Tony Burgoyne, GPD Group  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Melissa Procop, Mayor's Administrative Assistant  
Sarah Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Broska said he had an appointment to make for the Portage County Board of Health. Joe Diorio, the Portage County Health Commissioner, had informed Mayor Broska a couple months ago that the current Streetsboro representative was moving out of the area. Linda Grimm had contacted Mayor Broska with a letter of interest to fill the position. She currently worked for the City of Kent Health Department. Mayor Broska asked Council to confirm his appointment of Mrs. Grimm to the Portage County Health Board. Mayor Broska said the Board acted as an advisory council (non-governing) to the Health Commissioner regarding any issues having to deal with health in Portage County. He said Mrs. Grimm would be a good liaison and supporter of Streetsboro. She was in attendance to answer any questions Council may have.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA GRIMM AS THE STREETSBORO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Kocisko. The Council Members thanked Mrs. Grimm for volunteering to represent her community. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO RECESS THIS MEETING TO GO BACK INTO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting recessed at 7:04 p.m.**

**MOTION: TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.**

**Disposition of Minutes**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AS PRESENTED.**

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

**Citizens' Comments**

None.

**Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions**

Ms. Esarey reported that the 2020 Audit had started. They were trying to do everything virtually and it seemed to be going well. The auditors estimated that they would be done by September 30, 2021.

Chief Reinholz said Captain Grimm had distributed the department's activity log by email. He reported that last week the department did ice rescue training at Trail Lake Park. The training sessions were covered by the tv news and the newspaper. This week there would be HAZMAT training. There were two fires in the last two weeks, one on Evergreen Drive and one in Kent. The winter season was usually a busier time for fires because people sometimes misused portable heaters or candles while stuck inside.

Mr. Miller reported that the Service Department finally finished the Seasons Road flooding project (Lequyeas/Yupas), except the landscaping which would be finalized in the spring.

**Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency**

T-6992 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-180, THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#2]

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6993 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. DBA TTX FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND GOODS FOR USE BY ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SERVICES AND GOODS.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6994                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RED DIAMOND UNIFORM & POLICE SUPPLY, INC., PRO-TECH SALES, AND LEVINSON'S UNIFORMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR VESTS, CARRIERS, SHOCK PLATES AND HELMETS FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6995                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH LEBANON FORD, INC., HALL PUBLIC SAFETY CO., INC., AND GRAPHIC EXPRESSIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE, UPFITTING AND VEHICLE GRAPHICS OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE (3) FORD "SUV POLICE INTERCEPTOR" OR SIMILAR POLICE AUTOMOBILES, FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRADE IN THREE (3) CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AS PART OF THE TRANSACTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ACCEPT TIME-SENSITIVE PROPOSALS.

The Clerk read by title as directed. Mrs. Field asked if the legislation should be amended to remove the trade-in of three specific police vehicles, but she was told that Council could pass this legislation as written and then amend it later by a separate ordinance if other vehicles were to be traded in, as discussed in tonight's Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Ring noted that just because it was authorized the administration didn't have to trade-in any vehicles.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-28.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6996                    AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 RATIFYING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 OF CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH WAS NOT NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC USE OR WHICH WAS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS INTENDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-29.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6997                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND LAW DIRECTOR TO EMPLOY BRADY, COYLE & SCHMIDT, LTD AND MARGARET G. BECK ATTORNEYS AT LAW AS COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF STREETSBORO IN PENDING LITIGATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-30.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6998                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONSULTANT ENGINEER AND/OR MAYOR OR OTHER DESIGNEE TO NOMINATE AND APPLY FOR A REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO

EXPEDITE THE NOMINATION PROCESS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-31.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6999                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
CREATE SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,  
AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL  
APPROVAL WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST  
BIDDER FOR THE CURBSIDE PICK UP AND  
DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND  
RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-32 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7000                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO A LETTER OF ARRANGEMENT WITH  
THE AUDITOR OF STATE TO PERFORM THE  
AUDIT FOR 2020; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-33.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**First Reading**

None.

**Second Reading**

T-6990

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MCMICHAEL PROPERTY, LLC FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS FOR THE OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE AT 9307 STATE ROUTE 43 IN ORDER TO HOUSE THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND SENIOR CENTER.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

**Third Reading**

T-6987

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2016-116 IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE CITY OF STREETSBORO'S PROVISION OF ABATEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES.

Mr. O'Malia said he had mentioned at the previous meetings that there would be some need for changes before the final approval. At the last Council Meeting there was some discussion where Council clarified what they wanted regarding structures to be eligible for this program, which was all incorporated in this revised legislation. There was an updated Housing Study attached, which was required by law any time there were any changes to the CRA tool. The Housing Study detailed that there had been disinvestment in the area, in the residential stock, as proposed in the revised CRA No. 2. The City had to prove this to the State with both quantitative data, such as the information that he provided on things like building permits, values, and the housing conditions, as well as some qualitative data demonstrated with photos that showed some of these houses may have bright days ahead of them but currently were not in the greatest shape.

Mr. O'Malia noted the original legislation presented to Council at the first reading had 11 sections, the revised legislation presented tonight had 12 sections; there was a new Section 3 on the recommendation of the legal firm, Bricker and Eckler the City had hired to help with this. This language basically said that CRA No. 2 was more or less exactly the same as the one established in 2016, but the City was making these neighborhoods whole. Under CRA No. 2, set up in 2016, neighbors across the street did not have the same opportunity to use this incentive and that wasn't fair. So this was adding that language into the legislation and also specifically calling out the revised map as Exhibit D, so it was very clear what map was being referenced. And the language was added to Section 5 that incorporated Council's wishes so that eligibility of a detached garage and a fence were fully spelled out and clear. He asked that Council make the amendments as pointed out and adopt this so the City would have this good tool to use for our residents and our businesses.

Mr. Ruediger thanked Mr. O'Malia for his hard work on this. Mr. O'Malia confirmed that the housing study could not have been introduced with the original presentation of this legislation based on the recommendation of Bricker and Eckler; they said to do the housing study as close to when it would be implemented as possible so the conditions on the ground were accurately reflected for the State to review.

**MOTION: TO AMEND T-6987 AS PRESENTED TONIGHT TO INCORPORATE THE MAP AS EXHIBIT D, THE UPDATED HOUSING SURVEY AS EXHIBIT B, THE NEW SECTION 3, AND THE CHANGES IN SECTION 5.**

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

The Clerk read T-6987 by title as directed for third reading.

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-34 AS AMENDED.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Broska reported that the Streetsboro American Legion, who had coordinated the Memorial Day Parade in past years, had communicated to him that they no longer wanted to support a Memorial Day Parade and would rather do a community parade on another day, possibly July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Broska agreed with their proposal because the Memorial Day Parade seemed to have lost its message to remember those who fought and died for our country and kind of turned into a start of summer celebration with youth baseball teams and politicians campaigning.

Aaron Hatz, of the Streetsboro American Legion and 1150 Shawnee Trail, said it had been on the minds of the American Legion members for a couple of years and last year the parades were all cancelled due to COVID-19. So this year they had proposed their concerns to the Mayor because Memorial Day was not really a day of celebration. The Streetsboro American Legion executive board had decided that they would fade away from the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Hatz had offered the Mayor a couple different options: July 4<sup>th</sup>, but it didn't usually fall on a weekend; the weekend of Streetsboro Family Days; the anniversary of Streetsboro's founding (September 3); or Veteran's Day, but that was usually too cold.

Mr. Ruediger said he agreed. Most people just assume there will be a parade on Memorial Day, but don't really take into account that it is a day to honor people that sacrificed their lives for our country not really a celebration. There was some discussion on other days to hold a parade.

Mr. Hatz said it didn't really matter to the American Legion what day the parade was reassigned to because they expected push-back for anything other than Memorial Day because it would be a change to the tradition of having a Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor Broska emphasized that Streetsboro would continue to observe Memorial Day, it just would not be the "circus" it had been. The American Legion and the VFW would still go to all the sites they normally visited on Memorial Day morning, but it would be a more solemn ceremony to honor those that had fought and died for our country. Memorial Day seemed to have come to be focused on a parade and not the actual meaning of the day. Mayor Broska encouraged having a parade on the Saturday of Streetsboro Family Days, because it focused on Streetsboro and wasn't on any other holiday so the American Legion could probably get more units to participate.

Mrs. Field agreed the parade should be changed. She supported keeping the parade separate from Streetsboro Family Days and suggested a Founders Day Parade in September, but Mrs. Kremer thought it might get too close to September 11, especially if they tried to keep it to a weekend. Mayor Broska thought it might be difficult to have a Labor Day Parade because it was the last big three-day weekend of the summer and the parade participants would all want to be with their families, not marching in a parade.

Mr. Hanzo said the American Legion worked closely with Mike Sweet of the Streetsboro Service Department in coordinating the parade, and Mr. Sweet didn't really want to make the change, but would work with whatever the American Legion wanted to do. He emphasized that along with the youth organizations, there were many military and first responder units in the parade; all were welcome to participate.

Mr. Ring also agreed with moving the parade from Memorial Day. He suggested July 4<sup>th</sup>, or the Sunday before it, because the birth of our country was a time for celebrations, but he was fine with the American Legion selecting another day.

Mrs. Field thought this issue could be discussed further at another meeting as an agenda item. Mr. Ruediger suggested the Service Committee Chairman add this topic to the March Service Committee agenda.

**President of Council's Comments**

Mr. Hannan said Happy Birthday to Mrs. Field and Ms. Wagner who would be celebrating this week.

**Council Members' Comments**

The Council Members also wished Mrs. Field and Ms. Wagner Happy Birthday. Mr. Lampa said in the new stimulus package under discussion at the federal level, there was to be money available to the local communities, so Streetsboro should start thinking again about how to use that CARES money.

**Announcements**

There will be a Safety Committee, a Service Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Jon Hannan, Council President