

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:39 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Mike Troyan, TMC Employee Benefits Group
[by Zoom video conferencing:]
Justin Ring, Council Member
Chuck Kocisko, Council Member
Sara Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Matt Glass, GPD Group
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

The Council President moved Citizen Comments up on the agenda so Senator Cirino didn't have to stay all evening.

Citizens' Comments

State Senator Jerry Cirino said he had been visiting communities in all three counties of Senate District 18 that he represented since he started in January 2021. He was glad to be in Streetsboro which was the hub of economic activity in Portage County. He gave some background history on himself: he was a medical device CEO for a number of decades, then retired, then became a Lake County commissioner, then ran for Senate after one term as commissioner. He gave an update on what was happening in Columbus: working on the \$74 billion 2-year biennial budget which was due in June and included PARTA and LakeTran, working on HB1 which attempts to resolve the non-constitutionality of how Ohio funds public education (with property tax), he was vice-chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee which was important to economic development. One of the biggest obstacles for businesses (manufacturing, service industries, etc.) to come back from the COVID-19 economy was the ability to get people to work due to the recently established unemployment structure. Another reason was the need to train/educate/develop the right kind of programs to produce workers that were trained to meet the needs of the local businesses and to attract new businesses to Ohio. Senator Cirino mentioned that the Senate just passed a bill last week that he co-sponsored (that would go on to the House) that would require supreme court judges and courts of appeal judges to list their political party on the general election ballot so the voters would know something about the candidate. He said economic development was a key priority for him because if Ohio didn't have a strong economy, it would not be able to provide the safety net Ohio was so good at providing. He distributed some business cards and asked people to contact him with any issues.

Mr. Lampa thanked Senator Cirino for coming tonight. Mr. Lampa wanted to know when the State would use the \$2.7 billion rainy day fund. Senator Cirino said the rainy day fund was largely under the purview of the governor and each governor handled it differently; it was for an emergency need, like a natural disaster or something if there wasn't federal help. Senator Cirino felt the fund should be in the billions but probably wouldn't be allowed to grow much bigger than \$2.8 billion. Senator Cirino clarified for Mr. Lampa that he had just been elected

November 2020 to a four-year term and it was a term limit of two terms. Mr. Lampa invited the Senator back to Streetsboro in September 2022 for the bicentennial celebration.

Senator Cirino said the time was right to get any financial requests for specific capital projects to him as the Senate would be working on the biennial Capital budget in September.

Mrs. Field thanked the Senator for coming tonight. She asked him what he may or may not be doing to help our State become a free state again because there were so many COVID-19 restrictions still in place which was detrimental to Ohio businesses and schools. Senator Cirino said he had voted to override the Governor DeWine's veto of the healthcare executive order restrictions because the legislature was left out of the picture for all of the decisions. Senator Cirino said he was a fiscally conservative, socially conservative individual and he wanted Ohio to be like some of the other states that had lifted their restrictions already. He said we have to support the federalism philosophy and the federal government was continuing at a greater pace now to try to take more things away from the states. For example, the last trunch of \$1.9 million of COVID relief from the federal government had a string attached that the states that accepted the money could not use that money in any way to reduce taxes on their state (no tax abatements could be offered to a company). He did not feel the federal government should tell the states how to do their own taxes. Mr. Kocisko said he'd debate the rush to open the State.

Mr. O'Malia commented that there would be legislation at the Senate in the near future (HB 123) to restructure the CRA. Streetsboro had just spent a lot of time to restructure its CRA so Mr. O'Malia would appreciate any support Senator Cirino could give to that House Bill to make the CRA tool easier to use. Mr. O'Malia also asked for the Senate to get more cash over to TechCred because the manufacturers were screaming for labor. Since it was unlikely that people would suddenly be more interested in a career in a production role it would be great to upscale those who had and make sure they had the skills they needed in order to maintain employment and be part of the new "industrial revolution of manufacturing." Mr. O'Malia also wanted to have someone at the Senate take some leadership on having the money follow the student because right now there was a disincentive for the public schools to have any of their students attend Maplewood or career technical vocation schools. Senator Cirino mentioned SB 1135 regarding that issue to get the discussion going about workforce development. He also mentioned the need to address the guidance counselor to student ratio of 450 to 1, and said there would be more money in the budget for TechCred.

Mr. Kocisko suggested moving on to other items of business tonight. The Mayor had the Senator's cell phone number if anyone needed to speak to him later.

Mr. Ruediger commented that there were "Now Hiring" signs everywhere for all fields. He said even if Ohio opened tomorrow his career field of travel would not be able to recover right away. He said people shouldn't still be on unemployment if they had been offered their job back and Senator Cirino said there were issues that needed resolved, especially because the State of Ohio's database was hacked last year and because of database management and implementation of policies. Mr. Ruediger mentioned that Streetsboro City Council Members run as non-partisan and Council decisions were made in the best interest of the City, not based on political party; so he thought judges (except Supreme Court judges) should also not be politically affiliated. Mr. Ruediger also mentioned the discrepancy between counties regarding e-checks because he thought all the Ohio counties should be the same. He added that the best way to get back to normal from COVID-19 was to promote the vaccines.

MOTION: TO RECESS THIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO GO BACK INTO TONIGHT'S SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m.**

MOTION: TO RECONVENE THIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 10:12 p.m.** The Council President chose to skip the Reports/Communications from Departments/Boards/Commission until later because Ms. Wagner had to leave for work soon and he wanted to get the legislative items done first.

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2021 – PARKS IN THE I-1 DISTRICT AND THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

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

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-7022 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 705 OF PART SEVEN, BUSINESS REGULATION CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO TO SET FORTH GARAGE, YARD AND HOUSEHOLD SALE REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ESTABLISH THEM PRIOR TO THE COMING SEASON.

The Clerk clarified that this was written as emergency legislation and it had first reading at the April 12, 2021 Council Meeting. She read by title as directed for second reading.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-1 with Mrs. Field opposing the motion.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Mrs. Field thought this had been moved to three readings to have more time to discuss the issue and she didn't know why this was being rushed through tonight. Mrs. Kremer confirmed there had been no motion or vote to amend the legislation to be non-emergency, it just had first reading conducted at the last meeting and second reading conducted tonight. Mrs. Field thought it might fail tonight since the three readings had just been suspended; she wanted more discussion on this issue before the final vote. She didn't want to just throw the whole legislation out because in most municipalities there were some type of guidelines and for many years Streetsboro had had constant complaints and a desire to keep our community looking nice. She thought this piece of legislation needed some work before it was completely taken off the table.

Mr. Ruediger said his point in voting on this tonight was because the citizens had had a very loud voice over the Facebook discussion board during the last week or so. He felt the citizens had made it clear they felt this was an overreach and was not needed for the City. They had made it clear the City should be more focused on businesses instead of garage sales. Mrs. Field had read the comments on Facebook and felt it was great feedback, but she didn't want to just use the residents that happened to type something on Facebook; not everyone looked at Facebook. Although there were over 4,500 members of the discussion board, not everyone looked at Facebook every week.

Mr. Ring said he'd thought about this issue over the last two weeks. He thought this legislation, even if it was adjusted somewhat, looked to burden the residents more than it benefited them as a whole. He said without a permitting process, which he was against, there was no real enforcement because the City wouldn't be able to prove when a sale started. He said this would cause more confusion than it was worth, it would burden the residents more than it benefited them, and in actuality most people had garage sales for 2-3 days during reasonable hours and this wouldn't really do any practical good except maybe catch somebody who might have a weeklong garage sale. The residence on SR 14 this was targeted at (not a business) was no longer there, so this won't even accomplish what it was developed to do. Mr. Ring agreed there should be guidelines, a lot of cities had them, but it needed more thought to implement and to enforce. He felt it should be enforced by a zoning inspector and not the police officers, but the zoning inspector did not work on weekends. He didn't think the proposal was good and didn't think it was necessary at this point.

Mrs. Field agreed enforcement of this would be extremely difficult and felt a lot of it was overreaching. She suggested getting rid of this proposal, but still consider ways to help the zoning and put forth legislation to help keep the City beautiful and avoid people dumping garbage or having perpetual sales. Mr. Ring agreed and felt there were already regulations in place regarding junk in people's yards and maybe those regulations needed adjusted without burdening the average resident that just wanted to get rid of some of their old stuff. Mrs. Field agreed and felt garage sales were wonderful for a lot of reasons.

Mr. Kocisko felt this topic had been discussed for hours and "beat to death" and had been covered in previous years too. He thought this proposal was overreaching and wondered how far it would go. He thought the current ordinances were fine and did not need changed.

Mr. Lampa said he'd thought about things after the last couple of meetings and had originally supported the proposal, but now felt it was micromanaging. He still felt sorry for the residents that had neighbors with perpetual sales, but he did not know how to resolve the problem. He didn't know how the City would enforce what was proposed. He thought the City should maybe focus on trying to revise the current ordinances on the books as mentioned earlier. He appreciated the work from the Law Department and the Planning Department, but this didn't really make sense and maybe needed approached differently.

Ms. Wagner said she agreed with the previous comments. She did not think it should be a criminal charge because that bears a lot of weight if someone was convicted of a criminal charge. There were just a few problems but this proposal would affect all 16,000+ residents. She had lived in Streetsboro her entire life and had never thought "Gee, garage sales are getting out of control."

Mr. Hannan also agreed with the previous comments. He wondered if this proposal would apply to the businesses in the residential districts because that seemed have been an issue that was mentioned by residents. Mrs. Fagnilli said there shouldn't be businesses in a residential district, and was probably not germane to the discussion. Upon roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, **motion failed 7-0.**

T-7025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
2020-180, THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE. [#4]

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. 2021-58.

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

T-7026 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DeHAVEN, INC. dba GPD GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF WATERMAIN REPLACEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS AND TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO AN OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA) PLANNING AND DESIGN LOAN AGREEMENT AND WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION LOAN AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMMENCE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND APPLICATION PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-59.

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

T-7027 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENTS FOR STORM SEWER PURPOSES FROM MICHAEL B. OFLAHERTY, CAREN K. OFLAHERTY AND DENISE M. LIOTTA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROCEED WITH STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT IMMEDIATELY.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-60.

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

T-7028 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR AND/OR SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES TO COMMENCE INSTALLATION OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN 2121 LAUREL LANE AND 8580 DEER MEADOW LANE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EFFECT THE IMPROVEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-61 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

T-7029 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF A STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM BETWEEN 8739 AND 8749 SEASONS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE THE REPAIR PROCESS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-62.

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

T-7030 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR PAYMENT OF THE 2020 REVENUE SHARING TO THE STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO IMMEDIATELY MEET THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY.

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. 2021-63.

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

T-7031 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO, CONSUMERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. TO PROVIDE HEALTH, LIFE, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE RESPECTIVELY, TO ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES, ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDE 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.

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. 2021-64 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

T-7032 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO AND THE STREETSBORO PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, IAFF LOCAL #4281 ON BEHALF OF STREETSBORO'S FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

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. 2021-65.

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

T-7033 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE
REVIEW COUNCIL CONCERNING ENTERPRISE
ZONE TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENTS WITHIN
THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SAID
RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-66.

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

First Reading

T-7034 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN.

The Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

T-7035 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR
THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR FISCAL YEAR
2022.

The Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

None.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Mr. Ruediger commented that the fences around the detention ponds were up at Forest Valley although they were still working on the weeds and cattails. He asked, for a resident, if there was going to be any topcoat or anything else done with the road, or were they all done with it. The resident didn't think anything needed to be done to the road, she just wondered if it was all done. Mayor Broska said the road already had its final coat.

Chief Reinholz gave an update on the new fire station: they were finishing the coating on the outside; asphalt would be going down; the 9-11 Memorial was being finished by the Service Department; the staff hope to start moving things over next Monday; the furniture would be delivered and assembled by the end of the week; the radio, telephones and computers should be installed the week of May 17; and they hoped to be able to spend the night at the new station by May 20. There was a punch list of minor items that needed to be corrected. They planned for a ribbon cutting ceremony in July 2021.

The Fire Department was still helping Portage County give COVID-19 vaccines on Tuesdays. The Department was still getting COVID-19 patients, but not as many as they used to. They were swearing in a new parttime firefighter tomorrow.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska said he wanted to make a reappointment to PARTA. Virginia Harris had represented Streetsboro on the PARTA Board since about 2002. She was not present tonight.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF VIRGINIA HARRIS TO THE PARTA BOARD.

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

Mayor Broska said after he swore in the new PT firefighter tomorrow, he would be participating in a pre-construction meeting with ODOT for the SR 14 project that would start on May 5. He would give Council an update after the meeting. He said one of the benefits of having an Engineer on staff was they discovered those working in the City right-of-way needed to have a permit and give the City proper notification of their work. There could still be traffic delays, but the City would be more aware of such activities and maybe alert residents to take alternate routes. The next few summers there would be road construction projects and lane closures in the City, but the end result would be beneficial to all to move the City forward. He said people waited in long lines for fast food but complained about waiting a few minutes in traffic. He expected ODOT to start on the south side of SR 14 and do the north side in 2022 (project to end September 2022). The project should reduce all the "assured clear distance" accidents on SR 14. He said the construction shouldn't have a profound affect on the school since they would work around the early morning rush hour.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Hannan wished luck to the candidates in the Primary election next week.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Ruediger welcomed two new businesses to town, and also wished luck to the candidates on the ballot, and wished Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in two weeks.

Mrs. Field mentioned the caution light at Kennedy Road had been installed. She also said good luck to the At-large candidates at the election next week.

Mr. Ring reminded everyone to go vote next Tuesday. He said Happy Mother's Day. He asked if all the new traffic signals had been synchronized yet because the light at the intersection near Burger King headed westbound stayed red too long. Mayor Broska said the system was connected and was gathering data and learning the traffic patterns, but he would look into it. The patrol officers had commented that the traffic seemed to be flowing better through town, especially at the SR 14 and SR 43 intersection and the Market Square intersection, even during rush hours. He asked that people report any issues to him when they encounter them.

Mr. Kocisko said everyone had been very patient while the new signals were installed and coordinated, but the light at Pike Parkway and SR 43 still had a very long wait (2-4 minutes), and it had become very frustrating. Mayor Broska would look into it again.

Announcements

Primary Election is Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

There will be a Public Hearing-Tax Budget, a Safety Committee, a Service Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 10, 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 11:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Council President