

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 for the purpose of conducting a REGULAR MEETING. President of Council David Bortolotto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Matthew Castelli	Mayor
David Bortolotto	President of Council
Tim Ali	Councilman At Large
Dan Sage	Councilman At Large
Bill Meany	Councilman Ward 1
Matthew McGregor	Councilman Ward 2
Michael Ference	Councilman Ward 3
John Grech	Councilman Ward 4
Trish Gable	Council Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING:

Santo Incorvaia	Law Director
Jason Stewart	Finance Director
Jim Herron	Service Director
Chuck Bichara	Economic Development Director
Mark Elliott	Recreation Director
Bob Downey	Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Sage. **MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. McGregor said he was abstaining because he was not in attendance due to being ill.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 1, MCGREGOR. MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

CITY PARKS, RECREATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE – MR. ALI, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ali introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2022-80, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Schirmer Construction LLC for the Baldwin Creek Preserve Trail Project and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Grech. **RES. 2022-80 ADOPTED**

Mr. Ali said they did appreciate having a very long discussion last night. He said because of the topography of this property, this is going to be the most unique park in the entire city. Mr. Ali said having the loop completed is the right way to go. **AGREEMENT: SCHIRMER CONSTRUCTION (BALDWIN CREEK PRESERVE TRAIL PROJECT)**

Mr. Sage said he would recuse himself from the discussion and the voting of this resolution, and also said his name has been removed as a co-sponsor.

Mr. Grech asked if his name could be added as a co-sponsor.

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Mr. Incorvaia said yes as long as council rules allow.

Mr. Bortolotto said yes, he could have his name placed on the legislation.

Mayor Castelli thanked city council for their support. He said Councilman Ali summed it up perfectly. Mayor Castelli said this is going to be a unique and beautiful park once it's completed. He said this is going to be a great addition and amenity for the city of Middleburg Heights. Mayor Castelli said he looks forward to the park opening and all of us being there for that. He said the park should be completed by April or May of 2023.

Mr. Bortolotto confirmed once the road construction is done that there will be some parking spaces there.

Mayor Castelli said there will be a redo of the section that ends at Baldwin Creek. He said there isn't going to be additional parking, it is just going to be reconfigured so it will look more like a trail head. Mayor Castelli said none of that will be done until after the Indian Creek Relief Sewer Project is finished, because that portion is going to be torn up as part of the project.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 1, SAGE, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-80 ADOPTED

FINANCE, TAXATION & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE – MR. BORTOLOTTI, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bortolotto introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2022-81, An Ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenditures and expenses for the City of Middleburg Heights for the calendar year 2022 and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ORD. 2022-81
ADOPTED
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Bortolotto said this was discussed at the finance committee meeting, and everything is pretty self-explanatory. He said probably the biggest thing would be the debt service/bond interest.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-81 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2022-82, A Resolution authorizing the mayor and finance director to enter into a contract with Selective Insurance Company and Travelers Insurance Company and The Fedeli Group for the city's insurance coverages, and declaring an emergency and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

RES. 2022-82
ADOPTED
CONTRACT:
CITY'S INSURANCE
COVERAGES

Mr. Bortolotto said this was also discussed at the finance committee meeting. He said what stands out to him is that the city saved \$80,000 this year. Mr. Bortolotto commended Mr. Stewart and his team. He also thanked Mr. Sage for his comments regarding the discussion that we had.

Mr. Sage thanked Mr. Stewart and Mr. O'Brien. He said his comments and concerns were addressed and answered appropriately and satisfactorily.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-82 ADOPTED

LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE – MR. FERENCE, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & RELIEF COMMITTEE – MR. MCGREGOR, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – MR. SAGE, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

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STREETS, UTILITIES & RAILROAD COMMITTEE – MR. MEANY, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Meany introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2022-83, An Ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenditures and expenses for the City of Middleburg Heights for the calendar year 2022 and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

ORD. 2022-83
ADOPTED
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Meany said Middleburg Heights and the surrounding communities that are served by Southwest Hospital have voted on a property tax levy. He said Middleburg Heights has a one mill levy and collected additional taxes of \$4,150.61. Mr. Meany said this action will permit the finance department to forward these additional monies to Southwest.

Mr. Bortolotto said he would recuse himself and abstain from voting since he sits on the board as Southwest.

Mr. McGregor said he is a delegate for Southwest Hospital and will also be abstaining.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 2, BORTOLOTTI, MCGREGOR,
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-83 ADOPTED.

ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE – MR. GRECH, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Parks, Recreation & Services Committee – Mr. Ali, Chairman

Mr. Ali said the committee met last night and a written report was submitted.

Finance, Taxation & Assessments Committee – Mr. Bortolotto, Chairman

No report.

Legislation & Rules Committee – Mr. Ference, Chairman

No report.

Public Health, Safety & Relief Committee – Mr. McGregor, Chairman

No report.

Public Improvements Committee – Mr. Sage, Chairman

No report.

Streets, Utilities & Railroad Committee – Mr. Meany, Chairman

Mr. Meany said they met last night and minutes will be forthcoming this week.

Zoning & Building Code Committee – Mr. Grech, Chairman

Mr. Grech reminded members of council that the annual Joint Woodvale Council meeting is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Berea Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR

No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

No report.

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RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Elliott referred to winter programming that is going on right now. He also announced that tickets are still available for the Taste of Middleburg on October 22nd.

Mayor Castelli said the Taste of Middleburg with Sinatra and Friends is a paid event, and should be a great evening. He said there were seven or eight restaurants that are participating as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Bichara said the city recently received a check from Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$150,000, which was a reimbursement for the Glenridge resurfacing that recently took place. He said just in time to close out one grant, is the beginning of next year's grant season. Mr. Bichara said he previously forwarded to council, a notice that we will be holding our public meeting about both the Municipal Grant Program and also the Supplemental Grant Program on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. here in council chambers. He said he always appreciates everyone's support.

Mr. Ali thanked Mr. Bichara for helping us get the application applied for the Bark Park grant. He said they are trying to get a grant to put up a pavilion, and Mr. Bichara has been very helpful.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Herron said leaf collection will start on Monday, October 17th. He said an informational code red message will be sent out very shortly.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. Downey said we had a wonderful weekend last week, with the ribbon cutting for the new police station. He said in a couple of weeks, we will begin to open the building up and move in.

Mr. Bortolotto said the ribbon cutting for the new police station was outstanding. He said the police station is absolutely gorgeous.

Mr. Grech said in the last few days, he has received two or three calls regarding NOPEC and asked Mr. Downey if he has been receiving calls from residents.

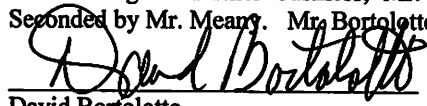
Mr. Downey said he received about three or four calls, and said he has been working with NOPEC on the answers to those questions for our residents. He said calls have stopped in the last ten days or so. Mr. Downey said if anyone continues to receive calls, to forward the calls to him.

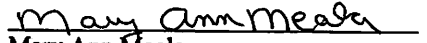
Mayor Castelli said the website also has information that will answer a lot of the questions that residents may have.

Mr. McGregor said this might be a bit early, but with elections coming up, he asked Mr. Downey if there could be a link on our web page for the Board of Elections so there is no confusion as to where people are to go vote based on their ward and precinct. He said he would like to be proactive being that Election Day is less than a month away.

Mayor Castelli said he believes it is already on the council site. He said we do tend to get a lot of calls, and said he knew that the council office and Judi in his office, walk people through where they vote. Mayor Castelli said either way, they will make sure there is a link, but said residents can also call.

There being no further business, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Meany. Mr. Bortolotto adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.


David Bortolotto
President of Council


Mary Ann Meola
Clerk of Council