REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2023

The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 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
Tim Ali
Councilman At Large
Dan Sage
Councilman At Large
Councilman Ward 1
Matthew McGregor
Michael Ference
Mary Ann Meola
President of Council
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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 MINUTES October 10, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Sage.

APPROVED

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice from Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting new liquor permit to Crown Plaza, 7230 Engle Road. No objections from Police Chief Tomba.

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to approve the new liquor permit without objections. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

Notice from Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting new liquor permit to Aldi, Inc., 6868 Pearl Road. No objections from Police Chief Tomba.

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to approve the new liquor permit without objections. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Castelli said this evening we have some guests with us and asked Chief Tomba to come up to the microphone.

Chief Tomba said he would like to recognize some of the men and women of the Middleburg Heights Police Department who have performed their duties above and beyond in a very exemplary manner. He said with us tonight from the American Red Cross we have Tim O'Toole, Jim McIntyre and Mike Parks, who is the Regional Executive and CEO. Chief Tomba said Mike Parks is also a retired Rear Admiral General with the United States Coast Guard. He asked Mr.

Parks to say a few words before making the presentations.

Mr. Parks thanked Chief Tombo the mayor and mamba

Mr. Parks thanked Chief Tomba, the mayor and members of council and said it was a pleasure to be here. He said tonight he is here to present the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award, specifically Certificates of Exemplary Personal Action, which are awarded to those who embody the spirit of the Red Cross by helping to alleviate human suffering in an emergency. Mr. Parks said this award, this

MOTION 2023-31 RETURN NEW LIQUOR PERMIT

WITHOUT
OBJECTIONS
(CROWN PLAZA)

MOTION 2023-32 RETURN NEW LIQUOR PERMIT WITHOUT OBJECTIONS (ALDE)

Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action, is bestowed upon individuals who do not have Red Cross training, but step up during a time of an emergency. He described two separate circumstances that led to these awards. He said Officer Cassandra Midlik responded to a car crash on I-71 last May, and discovered the victim had been thrown from the vehicle. Mr. Parks said despite the shock of witnessing such a gruesome injury, Officer Midlik remained composed and professional applying a tourniquet to the upper arm of the victim and directed the emergency responders to her location. He said the victim survived. Mr. Parks presented Officer Cassandra Midlik with a Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action, which is awarded to individuals who step up in an emergency and help save or sustain a life. He said the second incident, involved Officers Nick Spronz, Ryan Cobb and Tyler Gannon. Mr. Parks said these officers responded to a shooting at Motel 6, and discovered a victim with a gunshot wound. He said these officers applied pressure and a chest seal. Mr. Parks said this victim also survived. Mr. Parks said on behalf of the American Red Cross, he presented Officers Spronz, Cobb and Gannon with a Certificate of Extraordinary Personal He said extraordinary things happen when ordinary people do extraordinary things. He said we have heroes around us all the time, the difference is those people like you see this evening, that have the courage to step up and take that kind of action to save a life. Mr. Parks again extended his thanks and commended these officers.

Chief Tomba extended congratulations to the award recipients. He said in addition the officers that received the awards, he would like to acknowledge Officer Dave Holderbaum. Chief Tomba said Officer Holderbaum isn't here this evening, he was on another assignment. He said Dave is one of our training officers and he is the one that really drives home the medical training for everybody. He said they did a three day training at the schools, where everyone went through the medical training. Chief Tomba said shortly after that, these two incidents took place in our city. He said our officers applied that training and saved two lives. Chief Tomba referred to the incident that Officer Midlik responded to and said that Officer Porter and Zeke were also there. He said while Casey was tending to the individual that had their arm severed, Officer Porter and Zeke chased down the suspect and Zeke made the capture of the suspect. Chief Tomba said Sgt. Stervagi nominated Officer Midlik for the award, and wrote in his report that Officer Midlik's quick action, reliance on her training, calm and compassionate demeanor certainly assisted in saving this young lady's life. He said the supervisors were also out there with the officers. Chief Tomba said Officer Joe Calabretta was the supervisor regarding the second incident. He said Officer Calabretta wrote in his report that these three officers communicated and functioned as a team to recognize a problem, and all performed at a high level of professionalism in an intense situation. Chief Tomba said in closing, he wanted to acknowledge everyone that is here, adding that it isn't too often that this many of us are together at an event. He said they are definitely happy to be here this evening, and appreciate council giving them time. Chief Tomba acknowledged Officer Venus, Officer Porter, Officer Meyerholtz, Officer Tusing, Lieutenant Chris Burgett, whom is the nightshift supervisor, Officer Cobb, Officer Spronz, Officer Gannon, Officer Midlik, Lieutenant Eric Burgett, D.C. Swanson, family members and friends. He said families are very important to the law enforcement profession. Chief Tomba said these are the faces behind the badges that are out there keeping our city safe.

Mr. Parks said leadership is valid, and Chief Tomba has shown that here. He said most of the time when we give out these lifesaving awards, it is because we track down the people that have done this. Mr. Parks said rarely, do people actually initiate them on behalf of their people to show that kind of recognition. He said Chief Tomba and his team did that, to recognize these heroes. Mr. Parks gave

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1 Chief Tomba one of their Northern Ohio Challenge Coins, as a way to thank him 2 for his leadership. 3

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APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

CITY PARKS, RECREATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE - MR. ALI, 10

CHAIRMAN 11

No legislation. 12

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TAXATION & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE BORTOLOTTO, CHAIRMAN

16 Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-79, A Resolution the mayor 17 to enter into an agreement with The Villas of Fox Hollow Homeowners' 18 Association, Inc. for the purchase of an easement as part of the Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

Mr. Bortolotto said in regards to this resurfacing project, it is necessary for the city to acquire an easement on private, residential property. He said this was discussed at the finance committee meeting, and asked Mr. Herron or Mr. Stewart if they had anything to add.

25 Mr. Herron said the city will be purchasing the easements, small portions of property for the Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project which will take place next 27 28 year. He said it is a little unusual, but when you put federal dollars into the 29 project, all of the project limits need to be under public control. Mr. Herron said 30 that is why we need to go through this process. He said they will have a few more 31 that will be coming forward at future meeting. 32

Mr. Bortolotto asked if it was the purchase of some of the frontage. 33

Mr. Herron said most are easements, some are purchases. 34

35 Mr. Ali said he sees that we have numerous easements today, and said these are 36 not easy to get. He said to get all of these together on this project, kudos to 37 everyone that is involved. 38

Mayor Castelli said this kind of cleans everything up for anything that is done in the future too. He said this is the heavy lifting and every time these kinds of projects come up down the road, we won't have to go through this kind of process.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-79 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-80, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Nellie Bykova and Yuriy Kondratyuk for the purchase of an easement as part of the Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

Mr. Bortolotto said this is the same project as discussed with the previous piece of legislation.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-80 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-81, A Resolution 55 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with The Emerald Point 56 57 Condominium Association for the purchase of a temporary easement as part of the 58

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Mr. Bortolotto said this is another easement that has to do with the Sheldon Road 61 Resurfacing Project.

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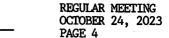
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ADOPTED PURCHASE EASEMENT: BYKOVA AND KONDRATYUK

RES. 2023-81 ADOPTED PURCHASE TEMPORARY EASEMENT: THE CONDOMINIUM ASSOC.

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Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. EMERALD POINT



1 Mr. Ali asked what the difference was as to some are the purchase of an easement and this is the purchase of a temporary easement.

Mr. Herron said temporary gives us the ability to work on that easement during the project. He said after the project is done, we don't have the need to work on that easement.

Mr. Ali asked if the other easements are different than this one.

Mr. Herron said yes, the other ones are different. He said primarily it is sidewalks but some of the properties are in the middle of Sheldon Road. Mr. Herron said 10 looking back, a lot of the properties went out to the middle of the road. He said in this case, only a temporary easement is needed to work in that area. Mr. Herron said after the project, there isn't any public right-a-way, sidewalks, etc.

Mr. McGregor asked if the city gets the money back.

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Mr. Herron said no, we are paying \$50 for this temporary easement. 16

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-81 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-82, A Resolution 19 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with The Emerald Point Condominium Association for the purchase of an easement as part of the Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Sage.

Mr. Bortolotto said again, this also has to do with the Sheldon Road Resurfacing

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-82 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-83, A Resolution accepting the consortium bid of Cargill, Inc. Salt, Road Safety for untreated sodium chloride for the 2023-2024 season (11/1/23-10/31/24) and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

Mr. Bortolotto said this is an annual bid, where the city uses the consortium for 33 untreated sodium chloride which is \$52.21 per ton and \$59.21 per ton delivered. 34 35

Mr. Ali asked what the difference was between untreated and treated sodium 36 chloride.

37 Mr. Herron said treated is the sprayed liquid coating that works at lower 38 temperatures and there is less bounce. 39

Mayor Castelli said the green salt is treated. 40

Mr. Ali asked how it isn't mixed when it is delivered. 41

42 Mr. Herron said normally we use the green salt, but if Cargill didn't have the 43 green salt this would give us the ability to buy the regular salt.

Mayor Castelli said typically we get the treated salt. He said a few years ago. when everyone was using salt with storm after storm, our contract was just for treated and they didn't have it. Mayor Castelli said this gives us the opportunity to be flexible, if we can't get the treated salt we want to be able to get any kind of salt we can, just in case.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-83 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-84, A Resolution accepting the consortium bid of Cargill, Inc. Salt, Road Safety for treated sodium chloride for 2023/2024 season (11/1/23-10/31/24) and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded

Mr. Bortolotto said this is the treated sodium chloride. He said as mayor indicated, we want to be able to purchase either as needed. He said the treated sodium chloride through the consortium bid is \$68.32 per ton and \$75.32 per ton delivered.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-84 ADOPTED

RES. 2023-82 ADOPTED PURCHASE EASEMENT: THE EMERALD POINT CONDO-MINIUM ASSOC.

RES. 2023-83 ADOPTED ACCEPT BID: CARGILL UNIREATED SODIUM CHLORIDE)

RES. 2023-84 ADOPTED ACCEPT BID: CARGILL (TREATED SODIUM CHLORIDE)

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Mr. Bortolotto introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2023-85, An Ordinance to make ORD. 2023-85 supplemental appropriations for current expenditures and expenses for the City of Middleburg Heights for the calendar year 2023 and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ADOPTED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

5 6 Mr. Bortolotto said this ordinance was amended on October 24, 2023. He said as discussed at the finance committee meeting, a donation in the amount of \$50,000 R was from a resident to be used for health and wellness equipment for our firefighters. Mr. Bortolotto said on this same appropriation, \$49,600 is for Hyde 10 Park Storm Sewer Improvements, which was discussed a few meetings ago. Mr. 11 Herron said there is a failing storm sewer on Hyde Park Drive that comes down 12 and goes down the embankment of Baldwin Creek which is eroding the hill. He 13 said this has been an issue for a number of years, and the lowest and best quote 15 received was from Fabrizi for \$49,544. Mr. Herron said this should be a good 16 permanent improvement for the project. 17

ROLL CALL: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 1, ALI, ORDINANCE NO. 2023-85 ADOPTED

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> LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE - MR. FERENCE, CHAIRMAN No legislation.

24 PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & RELIEF COMMITTEE - MR. McGREGOR, 25 26 **CHAIRMAN** No legislation.

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - MR. SAGE, CHAIRMAN No legislation.

STREETS, UTILITIES & RAILROAD COMMITTEE - MR. MEANY,

35 No legislation. 36

ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE - MR. GRECH, CHAIRMAN On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto placed ORDINANCE NO. 2023-78 on SECOND READING.

RES. 2023-78 SECOND READING

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Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2023-86, An Ordinance authorizing the mayor and finance director to enter into a contract with Collins Equipment Corporation and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ORD. 2023-86 ADOPTED CONTRACT: COLLINS EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

Mayor Castelli said this legislation is for our fuel management system. He said we received several quotes, and this was the lowest and best quote. Mayor Castelli said the city has a long standing relationship with Collins Equipment. He said our current system is in need of replacement. Mayor Castelli said this is not required to go out for bid, but as you recall when I took office, I created a more stringent approval process to make sure council is aware of expenses that reach certain amounts.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2023-86 ADOPTED 55

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Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2023-87, A Resolution RES. 2023-87 authorizing the mayor to sign a Third Amendment to Agreement for Public Safety Dispatch Services between the City of Strongsville, Ohio and the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

ADOPTED THIRD AMENDMENT -DISPATCH SERVICES

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Mayor Castelli said this is an amendment to the agreement we have with 1 Southwest Dispatch. He said for the last several years, Southwest Dispatch handles our dispatch services. Mayor Castelli said the amendment is an increase 3 for the upcoming year, which is approximately 1.96%. ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-87 ADOPTED

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Ali thanked everyone for coming to the Carl Burgio Pavilion dedication at the Bark Park. He said everyone was very pleased and he appreciated everyone's 11 12

Mr. Bortolotto said we couldn't have picked a better person to name that pavilion after. He said Carl Burgio was a longtime council member and a friend to all of us. Mr. Bortolotto said Carl was such a good soul. He said he appreciated all of Mr. Ali's efforts throughout the years pushing for a dog park.

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Finance, Taxation & Assessments Committee - Mr. Bortolotto, Chairman No report.

Legislation & Rules Committee - Mr. Ference, Chairman No report.

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

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> Public Improvements Committee - Mr. Sage, Chairman No report.

Streets, Utilities & Railroad Committee - Mr. Meany, Chairman No report.

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Zoning & Building Code Committee - Mr. Grech, Chairman

Mr. Bortolotto said as the zoning committee vice chairman, there will be a zoning committee meeting on Monday, November 6th following the finance committee meeting, to review the zoning code edits that were submitted by our city planning consultant.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Castelli said on November 6th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a Central Park update for city council. He said OHM is the consultant that the city has been using, and they will be invited as well. Mayor Castelli said OHM will give city council a presentation on the status of where we are, and will have some final proposals for council's review. He said opportunities will also be discussed that we will be using to look for potential grants to aid with Central Park.

LAW DIRECTOR

No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

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RECREATION DIRECTOR

60 Mr. Elliott said we are winding down our fall programming, and rolling right into 61 the winter programs. He said as a reminder, tickets are still available for Sinatra and Friends which will be held on Saturday, November 4th.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Bichara reported that today is the 23rd anniversary for the certificate of occupancy for BJ's Wholesale Club. He said they provide not only wholesale club items, but also a variety of fresh food.

Mr. Ali said the price of a membership there is worth getting just for getting gas. Mr. Bortolotto agreed that is a great facility.

11 SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Herron said after a long time, we finally received our freightliner extreme vac for leaf collection. He said they will be rolling out that new truck. Mr. Herron said it was a couple years ago that this was appropriated through the capital budget. He said we received the support of the Regional Sewer District for approximately \$260,000 community cost share funding that will come back to us for the purchase of the truck and the extreme vac portion. Mr. Herron said we will have a new plow truck this year and also, you will see the new leaf truck at either the end of this week or early next week. He said there will be two extreme vac trucks out, which should really help us. Mr. Herron again, thanked council for their support.

Mr. Ference referred to the detention basin on Big Creek Parkway and asked if there were any remaining obstacles.

Mr. Herron said we are certainly in intense conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers. He said there have been a number of emails, and said it could be any day or any minute now. Mr. Herron said our engineers, the mayor and himself have all been involved. He said there were some conflicting issues with what the Ohio EPA would like us to do versus what the Army Corps would like us to do. Mr. Herron said we would like to get out there, but want to do the right thing, assuring we have all of the proper approvals to start digging. He said we aren't happy with the delays, but our contractor is ready. Mr. Herron said it will be operational when we need it to be operational in the spring.

Mr. Ference asked when we get the certificate for basin three if that will be for all three basins.

Mr. Herron said this is just for one. He said will have to go through this with two more basins. Mr. Herron said it is disappointing, because they had 12 months and now we are in the thirteenth month. He said he can't fault our engineers, we submitted this over a year ago. Mr. Herron said now all of a sudden we have issues that came up that could have come up long before this.

Mayor Castelli said our engineers have done a very good job of getting and putting together the information that was requested. He said what has been a little bit of a challenge, the state agency and the federal agency disagree on certain items, and we unfortunately are caught in the middle of that. Mayor Castelli said we have been very forceful in trying to working professionally to say this a project that needs to be started, and we have done everything we could possibly do. He said he is hopeful within the next week or so to get that final permit to move forward.

53 move forward.

Mr. Ference asked if there was anything a resident could do? He said these are federal/and or state tax dollars so they are accountable too.

Mr. Herron said they could certainly call their federal, elected officials. He said that would be his recommendation.

Mayor Castelli said he has personally called as well. He said they don't normally.

Mayor Castelli said he has personally called as well. He said they don't normally get conversations from mayors. Mayor Castelli said they have been very responsive and are constantly communicating. He said one agency is asking for one thing, and another is asking for something else. Mayor Castelli said they need to get on the same page and then we are ready to go. He said they are very much aware of the sense of urgency from all that are involved. Mayor Castelli

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said they are going through the process right now, and they are keeping us informed.

Mr. Ference said he appreciates all of the effort that the administration has put into this. He said we are hearing from residents that are wondering when this is going to be started.

Mayor Castelli said if we don't have something by next week, he will let them know down in Buffalo that we will be passing on their information to the residents.

Mr. Ference thanked the mayor and said he would appreciate that. He referred to the Franke project and asked Mr. Herron if it was done.

Mr. Herron said Signal Service has to come and put in a new loop on Smith Road.
Mr. Ference said that was his question.

Mr. Herron said they should come and cut that loop the end of this week or early next week.

19 Mr. Ali asked if we don't get anything in a week or so, would it help to call 20 Councilman Miller.

Mayor Castelli said sure at this point and time they need to go through their process. Mayor Castelli said based on what we are seeing, he feels pretty confident and they understand the urgency and frustration. He said they understand that these things should have been done before, but he feels we are on the last issue.

Mr. Herron said we are on the last issue, which is the length of the stream and the micropools.

Mr. Ali referred to the other two basins and asked if we should start applying for the other ones now.

31 Mr. Herron said we are working on that right now. He said he can't promise, but if we are working with the same team in Buffalo and in Columbus, it should hopefully go a little better for us.

Mayor Castelli said the service department, engineering, consultants, county and the sewer district have done a great job. He said they have done everything they needed to do. Mayor Castelli said this is two agencies that need to get on the same page.

Mr. McGregor commended everyone here for pushing this forward. He said it is a tease to see the bulldozer out there. Mr. McGregor said he wants clarity, as someone that teaches about this stuff, how is the state even able to stop this. He thought the federal would be the one to oversee this and make the decision, and didn't think the state could conflict with the federal decision.

Mayor Castelli explained the process. He said what we are asking very respectfully is please let everyone agree, what do you want, and we will do it and let's move forward.

Mr. Herron said the state regulates the waterways, and then they are also acting as an agency for the U.S. EPA, in regulating the waterways.

Mr. McGregor said the other thing is the federal government forced a mandate and we are paying on the Regional Sewer District to clean up that the Ohio EPA didn't mandate.

Mr. Herron said we are going to get through this and the other two basins as well.

Mr. Ali asked if it is safe to say that the other two will be easier.

Mayor Castelli said he will never say 100 percent, but it should because they are going to be constructed very similarly going forward.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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There being no further business, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Ference, Mr. Bortolotto adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

David Bortolotto President of Council

Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council

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