

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2024

The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 for the purpose of conducting a REGULAR MEETING. President of Council David Bortolotto called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:	Matthew Castelli	Mayor
	David Bortolotto	President of Council
	Tim Ali	Councilman At Large
	Bill Meany	Councilman Ward 1
	Matthew McGregor	Councilman Ward 2
	Mike Ference	Councilman Ward 3
	John Zakel	Councilman Ward 4
	Mary Ann Meola	Clerk of Council

STAFF		
ATTENDING:	Santo Incorvaia	Law Director
	Jason Stewart	Finance Director
	Jim Herron	Service Director
	Chuck Bichara	Economic Development Director
	Mark Elliott	Recreation Director
	Ed Tomba	Police Chief

ABSENT: Dan Sage, Councilman-At-Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2024 and the minutes of the executive session meeting of June 11, 2024. Seconded by Mr. McGregor. MINUTES APPROVED

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Southwest General Health Center requesting the list of organizations be updated and approved by Council. List updated by clerk. MOTION 2024-20 RETURN LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS TO SOUTHWEST GENERAL HOSPITAL
Mr. Bortolotto asked for a motion to approve.

Mr. Meany made a motion to return the organizational list to Southwest General Health Center. Seconded by Mr. Zakel.

Mr. Bortolotto and Mr. McGregor will be abstaining from the vote as they have ties to Southwest Hospital.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 2, BORTOLOTTTO, MCGREGOR, MOTION APPROVED

Notice to Legislative Authority requesting liquor transfer from H & C Golden Lake to Wah Fu Chinese Restaurant. MOTION 2024-21 RETURN LIQUOR TRANSFER REQUEST-WAH FU
Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to return the liquor transfer request without objection. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Linda Szelter, 16419 Parklawn, said she had lived on Forest Oval for 30 years, moved out of state and was happy to be back. She referred to the drainage that is outside of the women's showers in the locker room at the community center. Ms. Szelter said outside of the shower stalls there really is no drainage. She said there is the ledge that you have to step over to get into the shower, and the shower curtains don't come down all of the way and water comes out no

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matter what you do. Ms. Szelter said it is to the point that there are several inches of water that people have to either step in or step over, which is very unsanitary and is also a fall risk. Ms. Szelter said there is no drainage on the other side of the ledge and didn't know if the city was looking into this as it is a safety issue.

Mayor Castelli asked Mr. Elliott if that was something that could be looked into to see if that could be improved upon.

Mr. Elliott said they could take a look.

Mayor Castelli said he knows it isn't going to be a simple solution, but we could look at all of the locker rooms to see what options we might have.

Mr. Angelo Nuzzo, 14315 Sheldon Boulevard, said he had a question, kudos and a problem to share with everyone tonight. He said he and his wife love the flowers around the campus, and kudos to whomever is managing those. Mr. Nuzzo said he wanted to know what is done to keep the deer out of them. He said that is what he really here to talk about. Mr. Nuzzo expressed his concerns regarding the over population of deer in our community. He said the over population has been a problem for many years in the city and each year it keeps getting worse. Mr. Nuzzo said while he was riding his bike on the bike trail by Southwest Hospital there was a deceased, mangled fawn presuming that was another coyote attack on a bike/walking path used by humans too. He said he is concerned every time he rides on that bike path because many deer are becoming domesticated and don't even move when he rides by them. Mr. Nuzzo said his biggest concerns are with the coyotes and the many diseases the deer bring with them that are transferable like Lyme disease from deer ticks. He also complained about the people that daily feed deer so they aren't afraid of humans anymore. Mr. Nuzzo asked if anyone has ever been cited for this. He asked what the purpose was of creating the nuisance prohibited section of the code if it has never been used. Mr. Nuzzo said he hasn't seen anything moving forward from this body to address this issue. He said he mentioned this to a few of you over the past year, but haven't seen or heard any plans to deal with this. Mr. Nuzzo asked if there are any plans, what are the plans and when could we expect those plans to be implemented. He said he isn't saying that he wants the city to cite his neighbors or the other residents, but he does expect the city to take the time to educate them on the law, and that the deer come with diseases and bring in coyotes. Mr. Nuzzo asked if it was illegal to intentionally kill the deer in the community. He proposed a plan for the city to put in place on this issue and he calls it the three E's. Mr. Nuzzo said that stands for Educate the residents, Enforce the law and Eradicate the deer over population. He said a few months ago we received a pamphlet from the city that talks about recycling and a solid waste guide for 2024. Mr. Nuzzo asked why we aren't doing the same thing for the deer issue. He said this isn't a nuisance anymore, it is a big problem.

Mr. Bortolotto thanked Mr. Nuzzo for sharing his thoughts and concerns and said he was going to let the mayor address this, because this has been addressed for many years.

Mayor Castelli said we are actually engaged in a process as of right now, and said we will ultimately come back to city council when we are ready to make a final determination on a culling process, if that is something we want to do in the city. He said there is a due diligence process that we have to go through, and Chief Tomba, Deputy Chief Swanson are spearheading this. Mayor Castelli said several councilmen were at a meeting early in the spring with the Department of Agriculture to begin the review of how this process needs to unfold in order to be able to ultimately do a culling process if that is something that the community wants to do. He said we have to do the due diligence first and that is what we are

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1 doing right now. Mayor Castelli asked Chief Tomba to explain where we are at
2 with that process. He said we met a couple weeks ago and he knows Chief
3 Tomba has an update. Mayor Castelli said Chief Tomba will also update city
4 council when we have specific items to review.
5 Chief Tomba said there was a conference in Columbus that Deputy Chief
6 Swanson and two councilmembers attended. He said we met with Parma Heights
7 who has a deer culling program and have also engaged the metroparks who also
8 provide that service. Chief Tomba said we are looking to maybe have a
9 recommendation of having it outsourced or have someone help us start our own.
10 He said when that didn't come to fruition, we decided to enter into a cooperative
11 agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture. Chief Tomba said
12 this October or November, they are going to conduct a survey for us. He said he
13 is hoping in late fall or early winter, a report will be presented to city council.
14 Chief Tomba said that will give us a nice snapshot of the deer population and the
15 challenges we would face if we went forward with the program. He said it is a
16 long term commitment that the city and council would have to agree too. Chief
17 Tomba said it isn't just going out and culling deer once or twice, it has to be a five
18 to seven year commitment. He said Mr. Nuzzo said brought up some good points,
19 and said he is in agreement with him regarding education. Chief Tomba said
20 there have been letters written by the law director and himself to residents that we
21 knew were feeding the deer advising of them of the ordinance. He said we will
22 get more aggressive as far as the education, but we are moving in the right
23 direction to hopefully by years end have a report presented to city council.
24 Mr. McGregor asked if we could start citing now. He said that is one thing that is
25 in the code that could be done. Mr. McGregor said we don't need to have
26 something brought back to us in three months for that. He said he feels that needs
27 to be brought up and stepped up.
28 Mr. Incorvaia said there are people that he has successfully prosecuted for feeding
29 wild or feral animals in the past. He said when prosecuting a case, we need proof
30 beyond a reasonable doubt to get a conviction. Mr. Incorvaia said we can't go on
31 speculation or conjecture that this person may have done this, or that. He said if
32 there is video that is the best proof we could possibly have. Mr. Incorvaia said
33 our philosophy has been to give as much education as possible, putting people on
34 notice of our codes. He said we certainly can look at moving on to the next step if
35 we have to.
36 Mr. Ference thanked Mr. Nuzzo for his presentation. He emphasized two points
37 that were made and said he was one of the councilmen that attended the meeting
38 in Columbus and it was made very clear that feeding the deer is one of the biggest
39 causes of the deer problems that we have. Mr. Ference said our communities
40 have lured deer into our neighborhoods and now we are stuck with them. He said
41 it was made very clear that humans feeding wildlife puts nature out of balance.
42 Mr. Ference said wildlife depending on human beings for food is not normal,
43 adding that point was made clear by the ODNR. He said the second point that
44 they made was that they are in favor of managing the deer population, it is not
45 about let's kill deer. Mr. Ference said he didn't there was any one of us that
46 wants to kill the deer. He said it is about managing the population that has gotten
47 out of whack. Mr. Ference again thanked Mr. Nuzzo for his very careful,
48 thoughtful presentation.
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59 Dr. Conrad Lindes, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Road, said there were two
60 ordinances on the agenda this evening, one is for the purchase of certain real
61 estate to be used for the Abram Creek Detention basin project that refers to
62 exhibit A, but there isn't an exhibit A. He said the same is the case for the
legislation authorizing the mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for certain
real estate that also refers to an exhibit A, but that is not there either. Dr. Lindes

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3 said he doesn't understand why the exhibits are not there for people to look at
4 ahead of time.
5 Mr. Incorvaia said when the legislation was prepared we were still in the process
6 of negotiating. He said they have an exhibit A for the second item that you
7 mentioned, and we can make that available this evening. Mr. Incorvaia said he
8 didn't think we were going to take any action with the first item.
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10 Mayor Castelli said we are not moving forward with the first item. He said that is
11 why there is no exhibit. Mayor Castelli said we are still finalizing the
12 negotiations with that. He said there is an exhibit A for the second item. Mayor
13 Castelli said we just got that.
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16 Mr. Tony Crea, 6770 Paula Drive, said he was here representing the City Club.
17 He said they are here to present a project that they have been working on for the
18 past couple of years with the mayor, Brixmor and Mr. Bichara. Mr. Crea said this
19 will cost the city virtually nothing. He introduced Hector Vega, the gentleman that
20 did the mural and Tina McLaughlin from Lake Erie Graphics. Mr. Crea said Lake
21 Erie Graphics did the big banner downtown across from Rocket Mortgage Field
22 House. He said this is a small version of the mural that is going to be going up at
23 Southland. Mr. Crea said Brixmor is picking up the majority of the project and we
24 have covered the costs of the artists, the designs and have retained the right so we
25 can use it in other things in conjunction with the city. Mr. Crea said this can go
26 wherever the administration decides to put it. He said you saw this at the state of
27 the city, but this is the actual version. Mr. Crea said it will be approximately 72'
28 wide by 25' tall when it goes up on the building.
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30 Mayor Castelli said the City Club did a great job helping us with the project and
31 sourcing with Hector, and Mr. Bichara working with Brixmor. He said they came
32 to us about wanting to do a mural in Southland, and that was literally when we
33 were working on a mural for the community. Mayor Castelli invited Hector to
34 come forward to explain the elements that he put in as the artist. He said Hector
35 has done a lot of different murals throughout northeast Ohio.
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37 Mr. Vega gave a brief overview, and said he learned so much about Middleburg
38 Heights.
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40 Mayor Castelli said the plan is to have this placed on the Joann Fabric Building,
41 facing Pearl Road. He said when you are entering the city, you will see this off to
42 your left. Mayor Castelli again thanked Hector and the City Club for all of their
43 help.
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45 APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

46 None.
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48 ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

49 CITY PARKS, RECREATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE – MR. ALL
50 CHAIRMAN

51 No legislation.
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53 FINANCE, TAXATION & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE – MR.
54 BORTOLOTTI, CHAIRMAN

55 Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to authorize city council to recess for the months of
56 July and August 2024 as permitted by City Charter Section 4.06. Seconded by
57 Mr. McGregor.
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MOTION 2024-22
SUMMER RECESS

59 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED
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61 LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE – MR. ZAKEL, CHAIRMAN

62 No legislation.

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

No legislation.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – MR. SAGE, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

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

Mr. Meany introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47, A Resolution accepting the bid of Signal Service Company for the Bagley Road Traffic Signal Improvements Rebid and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

Mr. Meany said legislation is for the Bagley Road Traffic Signal Improvements rebid. He said the works generally includes pavement reconstruction, sidewalk and curb replacement, reconstruction of driveways, installation of pedestrian crossing and traffic signal replacement in the amount of \$512,642.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47 ADOPTED

RES. 2024-47
ADOPTED
ACCEPT BID:
SIGNAL SERVICE
(BAGLEY ROAD
TRAFFIC SIGNAL
IMPROVEMENTS
REBID)

ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE – MR. FERENGE, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ference introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2024-48, An Ordinance amending sections 1129.07 and 1143.04 of the Middleburg Heights Zoning Code and PLACED ON FIRST READING & REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

ORD. 2024-48
FIRST READING &
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Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2024-49, An Ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenditures and expenses for the City of Middleburg Heights for the calendar year 2024 and declaring an emergency and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

Mayor Castelli said this is a supplemental appropriation to ultimately finish our traffic poles that we are going to be replacing in front of the city hall campus. He said there is an additional amount as well listed on the legislation that will be used for the Woodvale Cemetery Expansion Project.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2024-49 ADOPTED

ORD. 2024-49
ADOPTED
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50, A Resolution authorizing the service director to dispose of a 2006 Ford F-350 truck no longer needed for any municipal purpose and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

Mayor Castelli said this is a process that this council knows well. He said we have done with the past when we are no longer in need or using an old vehicle, so it is donated to the county fairgrounds.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50 ADOPTED

RES. 2024-50
ADOPTED
DISPOSE OF A
TRUCK NO LONGER
NEEDED

Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for the purchase of certain real estate and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

Mayor Castelli said this is an item that has been in the works for about 40 years. He first recognized the Historical Society and its members for all of the work that they have done over the years. Mayor Castelli said the Little Red Schoolhouse was used as schoolhouse for years. He said it was also used as the original Town Hall for the township. Mayor Castelli said it was a speak-easy at a certain point in time and also a private residence. He said in 1985 the city ultimately sold the

RES. 2024-51
ADOPTED
PURCHASE
AGREEMENT:
LITTLE RED
SCHOOLHOUSE

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2 schoolhouse to a private owner. Mayor Castelli said since that time, the
3 Historical Society has been trying to get this back as a treasure for our
4 community. He said he knows there was an agreement with the owner several
5 years back that did not come to fruition. Mayor Castelli said we are at a point in
6 time in conversations with the owner, and they have agreed to come down to the
7 price of \$40,000 which we think is reasonable for the ¼ acre of land as well as the
8 schoolhouse. He said we would like to get ownership of this historical building.
9 Mayor Castelli said he thinks its current condition does not represent who we are
10 as a community, especially with everything that is going on in our community.
11 He said it is time we take that historical site and insure it looks a certain way to
12 represent who we are as a community.

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14 Mr. Ali said this is going to be an incredible addition to the city. He asked what
15 the chances were to obtain grants to improve this.

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17 Mayor Castelli said in talking to the Historical Society, Mr. Bichara is going to be
18 a big part of this along with other members of our team looking at grant
19 opportunities to fix up the schoolhouse. He said there is a lot of work that needs
20 to be done to get the restoration going on that building, and it isn't going to
21 happen overnight.

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23 Mr. Bortolotto said as a councilmember, he said this has been one of the most
24 complicated meetings we have had in a long time. He said we generally have
25 pretty quiet meetings. Mr. Bortolotto said the purchasing of the schoolhouse and
26 the donation of the mural is all about Middleburg Heights, and that is very
27 interesting. He thanked everyone that is here this evening for their patience.

28 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51 ADOPTED

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31 Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52, An Ordinance
32 authorizing the mayor and finance director to enter into a contract with Osborn
33 Engineering and declaring an emergency and moved for suspension of Charter
34 Section 4.10 (5 day delivery requirement) & Council Rule 3 (24 hour agenda
35 requirement). On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto moved for suspension of
36 Charter Section 4.10 (5 day delivery requirement) and Council Rule 3 (24 hour
37 agenda). Seconded by Mr. Ali.

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39 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RULES SUSPENDED

40 Mayor Castelli moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED
41 TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

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43 Mayor Castelli said this item was presented to council at one of the committee
44 meetings a week or two ago. He said there was a discussion about having Osborn
45 Engineering, who put together all of the plans and information for Smith Road at
46 Southland to have them available for questions as we go forward with this large,
47 transformative project in the Southland District. Mayor Castelli said this
48 ordinance will allow us to use them as an owner's representative whenever we
49 need to. He said the reason we needed to move for the suspension of the rules is
50 because we were still working out some final arrangements with the engineering
51 firm and we weren't able to get that on the agenda last Thursday. Mayor Castelli
52 said there was a meeting several weeks ago though where council was able to go
53 through all of this with our service department.

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55 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 ADOPTED

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57 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS
58 City Parks, Recreation & Services Committee – Mr. Ali, Chairman
59 Mr. Ali wished everyone a fun and safe summer.
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61 Finance, Taxation & Assessments Committee – Mr. Bortolotto, Chairman
62 No report.

ORD. 2024-52
ADOPTED
CONTRACT:
OSBORN
ENGINEERING

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Legislation & Rules Committee – Mr. Zakel, 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

No report.

Zoning & Building Code Committee – Mr. Ference, Chairman

Mr. Ference said the committee met this evening and minutes will be forthcoming.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Castelli thanked everyone for their attendance for those that came to the Summer in the City. He said he received a lot of feedback from residents who said they liked the festival here on the campus. Mayor Castelli said he received an email from someone today asking if we will continue to have the festival here on city grounds. He said we will certainly get feedback from city council, but his recommendation is to continue that here.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Incorvaia asked that council consider a motion to convene into executive session for the following purpose or purposes: 1. Consider the purchase of property for public purposes pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(2); 2. Consider the sale of real property pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(2); 3. Consider confidential information related to the negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting request for economic development assistance pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(8); 4. Economic development matters pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(8) specifically confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. He said the information to be discussed is directly related to the request for economic development assistance that is provided or administered under ORC chapters or sections enumerated in ORC Section 121(G)(8)(A). Mr. Incorvaia said the executive session is necessary to protect the interest of the applicant for the possible investment or expenditure of public funds made in connection with the economic development project.

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to convene into executive session for the following purposes of 1,2,3 and 4 as stated. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

FINANCE DIRECTOR

No report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Elliott extended thanks and appreciation to so many community groups and organizations that participated and supported the Summer in the City, including city council, administration, police, fire and service. He said their next big event will be on Saturday, July 13th which will be the Crushed Grapes & Dueling Pianos. Mr. Elliott said that event will be held at the community center and

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1 tickets are still available. He said there will also be an American Red Cross
2 Blood Drive on Monday, July 1st from noon to 6:00 p.m.

3 Mr. Bortolotto thanked Mr. Elliott and his staff for all of the energy that was put
4 into our Summer in the City festival, as well as the service, police and fire
5 departments.

6 Mr. Ference said they had some early apprehension about moving the festival to
7 this site, but the plan that was put into place and the execution of that plan made it
8 a huge success. He said there was an excellent plan, and the teams involved
9 carried out that plan very well. Mr. Ference said that was a formula for success
10 and congratulated all of the people involved in that plan.

11 Mr. McGregor said to follow-up with what Ms. Szeltner brought up earlier, not
12 just the women's showers but asked Mr. Elliott if they would be able to look at
13 the men's showers and the family changing room showers as well for proper
14 drainage.
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16 Mr. Elliott said they will take a look at both locker rooms.
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19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

20 Mr. Bichara brought to council's attention for recognition that a number of our
21 local businesses have received by Cleveland Magazine 2024 Best of the West. He
22 said this year we did have a number of businesses that were recognized as Best of
23 the West winners including for Best Quick Bites was Aladdin's Eatery, Best
24 Salon was Tease Salon located at Southland, Best Brewery was Fat Head's
25 Brewery and also Best Gymnastics and Best Birthday Party Location went to
26 Little Stars Gymnastics also located in the Southland District. Mr. Bichara said
27 this year we were lucky to have those five awards amongst those four businesses.
28 He said all of the businesses we have in Middleburg Heights we feel are the best,
29 but these ones certainly go out of their way to bring that recognition to our
30 community.
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34 SERVICE DIRECTOR

35 Mr. Herron said as a follow-up to our recent Osborn agreement at Southland, we
36 were just issued the notice to proceed for Perk Company to start on July 8th. He
37 said as a reminder, that project will be a two year project and if you have any
38 questions to let him know or the engineers office know as they will be daily
39 managing the project. Mr. Herron said Grant Boulevard will be starting next
40 week and notices were distributed to the residents. He said as a reminder, we post
41 updates on the website frequently about major projects. Mr. Herron said
42 hopefully you got over to look at the basins after last Tuesday, saying that it filled
43 up and the creek didn't come over. He said this is a good start and are a third of
44 the way there. Mr. Herron said they look forward to starting the second basin the
45 end of fall, and proceeding to hopefully finish this up in two years.
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47 Mayor Castelli asked Mr. Herron when he said a two year project, the end of the
48 Smith Road Streetscape project should take place when.

49 Mr. Herron said depending on planting, 2026.

50 Mayor Castelli said the end of construction will be done the end of 2025.

51 Mr. Herron said yes the construction will be done in 2025. He said this year they
52 will do the side by the old Sears, and then the project will shift. Mr. Herron said
53 early in the Spring a separate contract will be bid by ODOT for the multi-purpose
54 trail which will be on the Sears side. He said depending on the timing, you don't
55 want to do plantings at the end of the year because they aren't going to grow. Mr.
56 Herron said we have the ability to do early in the spring in 2026, they can come in
57 and do all of the trees. He said trees are going to start coming down tomorrow.

58 Mr. Herron said we will be adding three times the amount of trees that we will be
59 taking down. He said the median will have nice plantings for spring of 2026. Mr.
60 Herron said it will be a whole different Southland in two years.
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2 Mr. Bortolotto said if anybody has not seen these basins, you have to go see them.
3 He said it Middleburg Heights style, it is top shelf. Mr. Bortolotto said it is the
4 most amazing thing he has seen.
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7 No report.
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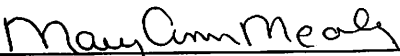
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10 Start Executive Session: 8:20 p.m.

11 Following the Executive Session, Mr. Bortolotto reconvened the Regular Meeting
12 of Council at 9:31 p.m.
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14 PRESENT: Matthew Castelli Mayor
15 David Bortolotto President of Council
16 Tim Ali Councilman-At-Large
17 Bill Meany Councilman Ward 1
18 Matthew McGregor Councilman Ward 2
19 Michael Ference Councilman Ward 3
20 John Zakel Councilman Ward 4
21 Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council
22 Santo Incorvaia Law Director
23 Jim Herron Service Director
24 Chuck Bichara Economic Development Director
25 Jason Stewart Finance Director
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29 There being no further business, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to adjourn.
30 Seconded by Mr. Ference. Mr. Bortolotto adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.
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