

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 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
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2024, minutes of the special meeting of September 10, 2024, minutes of the public hearing of September 10, 2024 and the minutes of the executive session meeting of September 10, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

MINUTES
APPROVED

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ABSTAIN 1, MCGREGOR (DUE TO COVID), MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

TREX liquor permit request from Southland Lanes to Pinball Planet, Parma Heights. No objection from Police Chief Tomba.

MOTION 2024-27
RETURN TREX
LIQUOR PERMIT
WITHOUT
OBJECTION.

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to return the TREX liquor permit request without objection. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT ON SEARS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

Mr. Jason Knauer, NOACA Representative, said he is present this evening to show continued support of the former Sears redevelopment project. He said the city has received funds through NOACA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund for Brownfield Remediation. Mr. Knauer said the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund is new to NOACA and this is the first project that is being funded through it. He said they are very excited to get things underway, keep the process moving and see a successful project.

Mayor Castelli thanked the NOACA team and Director Gallucci for their support of the Sears redevelopment project. He said we are excited to be the first city to be able to use these loan funds to help with asbestos remediation.

Mr. Ali said he appreciated Mr. Knauer coming here. He said since we are the first, how many other Brownfield grants are out there that you guys are handling.

Mr. Knauer said they have approved three loans thus far. He said the committee meets quarterly to review applications. Mr. Knauer said they do not have a lot of

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Ann Meola, Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of 9/24/24 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meola
Clerk of Council

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1 funding, but like he said they are still getting started and as they start to revolve
2 some of these funds, they will become eligible for more supplemental funding
3 from the EPA. He said hopefully this is a program that will be around for a long
4 time that will continue to grow as they get more projects. Mr. Knauer said
5 NOACA covers a five county region surrounding Cleveland. He said this
6 revolving loan fund is in partnership with an organization called Vibrant NEO,
7 which is a group that covers a larger 12 county region including Akron, Canton,
8 Warren and up to Ashtabula.

9 Mr. Bortolotto asked Mr. Knauer to please let the board know that we as a city are
10 very grateful for this money. He said a lot of work has been done in the
11 Southland area already, and we definitely have a commitment to rejuvenating that
12 area.

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14 APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

15 None.

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18 ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

19 CITY PARKS, RECREATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE – MR. ALL
20 CHAIRMAN

21 No legislation.

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23 FINANCE, TAXATION & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE – MR.
24 BORTOLOTTA, CHAIRMAN

25 No legislation.

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28 LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE – MR. ZAKEL, CHAIRMAN

29 No legislation.

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

33 No legislation.

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36 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – MR. SAGE, CHAIRMAN

37 No legislation.

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

41 No legislation.

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44 ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE – MR. FERENGE, CHAIRMAN

45 No legislation.

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48 Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75, A Resolution
49 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with the City of Parma for prisoner
50 housing services and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto
51 MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.

52 Mayor Castelli said as you know our primary community that we partner with for
53 prisoner housing is Strongsville, but we are also obligated to have secondary
54 facilities if they are needed. He said Parma has agreed to work with the city of
55 Middleburg Heights to house prisoners if there is a need. Mayor Castelli said the
56 cost is same as it is in Strongsville, which is \$150 per day.

57 Chief Tomba said if Strongsville is full, the city has a secondary location.

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59 ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75 ADOPTED
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RES. 2024-75
ADOPTED
AGREEMENT:
CITY OF PARMA
(PRISONER
HOUSING SERVICES)