

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 24, 2025

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The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 for the purpose of conducting a REGULAR MEETING. President of Council David Bortolotto called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
 Michael Ference Councilman Ward 3
 John Zakel Councilman Ward 4
 Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council

STAFF
ATTENDING: Santo Incorvaia Law Director
 Jim Herron Service Director
 Chuck Bichara Economic Development Director
 Ed Tomba Police Chief
 Kim Kerber City Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Sage.

MINUTES
APPROVED

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice to Legislative Authority from Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting new liquor permit to Land and Sea Bistro, 7571 Pearl Road. No objection from Police Chief Tomba.

MOTION 2025-12
RETURN LIQUOR
PERMIT REQUEST
WITHOUT
OBJECTIONS
(LAND & SEA
BISTRO)

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to return the new liquor license permit request without objections. Seconded by Mr. Zakel.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

Chief Tomba said there were a couple of young ladies that he wanted to recognize, that unfortunately got called into work for an emergency. He introduced Garry Helmick, who is one of our residents. Chief Tomba gave a quick scenario of what took place on May 14th. He wanted to acknowledge the quick work and selfish acts of a couple of our residents. Chief Tomba said on Wednesday, May 14th, Garry was driving his Ford F-150 truck on Normandie Boulevard near Lucerne when he suffered a medical emergency causing him to lose control of his vehicle. Chief Tomba said Garry crashed into the apartment building at 7661 Normandie Boulevard, unit D. He said the impact of the crash caused his vehicle to break through the brick wall and into a janitor area of the apartment building causing extensive damage to Garry's vehicle and the building. Chief Tomba said residents immediately contacted Southwest Dispatch for a response from our police and fire departments. He said two residents observed the crash and immediately ran to the scene to render first aid to Garry. Chief Tomba said Macheala Cook and Kaitlin Kasper removed Garry from his vehicle.

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1 He said they checked his vital signs and began life-saving CPR compressions.
2 Chief Tomba said Middleburg Heights Police Officer Michael Shamblin was the
3 first to arrive the scene to assess the situation. He said there was a gas smell
4 emanating from the apartment building. He said Officer Shamblin advised
5 several residents to assist with the evacuation of the building and asked them to
6 contact the maintenance crew to turn off the gas. Chief Tomba said while this
7 was taking place, Macheala and Kaitlin moved Garry further away from the scene
8 due to the smell of the gas. He said Officer Shamblin then took over doing chest
9 compressions on Garry. Chief Tomba said the Middleburg Heights Fire
10 Department arrived on the scene and transported Garry to Southwest Medical
11 Center for further care. He said Garry was in critical condition and was in
12 Intensive Care at the Hospital. Chief Tomba said Garry is with us today, looks
13 great, and is feeling good. He said we often hear about responders, being police,
14 fire and EMS workers, but on this day the true first responders were the two ladies
15 who chose to be involved and provided life-saving treatment to a fellow resident.
16 Chief Tomba said there is no doubt that Macheala, Kaitlin and Officer Shamblin's
17 quick and unselfish actions contributed to the life-saving efforts of Garry. He said
18 on behalf of the residents of Middleburg Heights, he publically acknowledged
19 Macheala, Kaitlin and Officer Shamblin and said they had proclamations for
20 them. Chief Tomba spoke to the young ladies and they were very disappointed
21 that they couldn't be here, but they are both in the healthcare profession and had
22 an emergency at work. He said the plan was to get the two ladies to meet Garry,
23 so he also invited Garry tonight to acknowledge him. Chief Tomba said residents
24 helping residents in Middleburg Heights is not unusual.
25 Mr. Garry Helmick, extended his thanks.
26 Mayor Castelli said we know how serious the situation was and is glad to have
27 Garry here with us.
28 Chief Tomba said what they did was really remarkable. He said we have this life-
29 saving effort on video and on the body camera.

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36 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

37 Mr. John Kilner, 13749 Bagley Road, said on Bagley Road between Big Creek
38 Parkway and Pearl Road, the speed limit is 25 mph. He said if you cross Pearl
39 Road it goes to 35 mph but there aren't any speed limit signs. Mr. Kilner said
40 before the road was widened there used to be. He said he thinks a sign should be
41 installed.
42 Mr. Herron said sure, they would be glad to put more signs up. He said he would
43 look into this and asked what side.
44 Mr. Kilner said going eastbound.
45 Mr. Herron said the speed limit sign should be right near the corner.
46 Mr. Kilner said there used to be a do not block the driveway sign on Bagley Road
47 by McDonalds that was never reinstalled once the road was widened.
48 Mr. Herron said he could talk to the chief to see if there have been any issues. He
49 said McDonald's hasn't indicated any problems to us but we can take a look.
50 Mr. Ali said he thinks that is a very good idea, and also suggested having the
51 radar sign flipped around on Bagley Road as it now faces westbound.
52 Mr. Kilner said he didn't think people were speeding. He also said at Bagley and
53 Pearl and Bagley and Engle there is a very large amount of congestion. Mr.
54 Kilner said other cities will put lines across the roads at the entrances of
55 businesses so when traffic backs up at a light they do not block the road so people
56 can't get in and out.
57 Mr. Herron said he didn't know if this was realistic, he never saw that in a traffic
58 control manual.
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2 Mr. Meany said he and the mayor are going to meet with the traffic engineer in
3 the very near future and said that was something they can take a look at. He said
4 they are also going to be looking at some other issues on Bagley Road as well.
5 Mr. Kilner said on Pleasant Valley between York Road and Ridge Road, all of the
6 signs are on the utility poles, which cuts down on the amount of signs that are
7 installed.
8 Mr. Herron said that actually is not the proper way to do that. He said he doesn't
9 disagree with Mr. Kilner but the traffic manual does not advise using poles for
10 traffic signs.
11 Mayor Castelli said you have to get approval to put things on the utility poles. He
12 said his gut tells him that the signs are there and were left there. Mayor Castelli
13 said he will have Mr. Herron look into this.
14 Mr. Herron said he had looked into this already.
15 Ms. Dianna Hosta, 14308 Revere Circle, thanked Councilman Zakel for coming
16 out within 20 minutes of her phone call on June 19th. She said there have been
17 many times that they have had water in her backyard that is like a stream. Ms.
18 Hosta said she knows that they have the CEI easement, and that has been a
19 continual issue with CEI.. She said her home is at one of the lowest points on
20 Revere Circle. Ms. Hosta said she has a double sewer drains, and said a couple
21 years ago the engineer as well as others from the city were out and suggested that
22 they she have her drain jetted from the house to the street, which she did adding
23 that was approximately \$5,000 to have that done properly. She said every drain
24 was cleaned out around her home, and her gutters are cleaned regularly. Ms.
25 Hosta said several years before that she had a pool in her backyard and had that
26 removed. She said she had a fire pit put in but had a professional out and did a
27 French drain to detour the standing water in her backyard so it wasn't a swamp on
28 a continual basis. Ms. Hosta said as a homeowner she has taken care of
29 everything that she can. She said this is an ongoing issue and would like some
30 attention to this issue. Ms. Hosta gave details that included the directions of the
31 water flow. She said Councilman Zakel also witnessed at least two and half to
32 three feet of standing water in her backyard. Ms. Hosta also said many repairs are
33 needed on her street and didn't know if Revere Circle was up for replacement or
34 repair. She said she understands that you cannot come on private property, but
35 there has to be engineers that have the technology, ingenuity and intelligence to
36 solve this problem. Ms. Hosta said people need brought to the table to have level
37 headed conversations of how to get this done in a cost efficient manner for all of
38 the homeowners on the street. She said all of her neighbors are angry at her due
39 to the fact that she is the one with the problem. She said water hasn't gotten into
40 her basement yet, which is very surprising. Ms. Hosta commended members of
41 council and said over the years she has had many opportunities to vote and show
42 her support. She said she has been a part of this community for 30 years and
43 participated in many things not only citywide but also with events with the
44 Chambers over the years.
45 Mr. Herron said we have been out to Ms. Hosta's house, and said this goes back
46 to even when Councilman Grech was here. He said First Energy offered to put a
47 swale along the back property lines of Revere, which would not just benefit Ms.
48 Hosta but also the other residents. Mr. Herron said he thinks there were
49 approximately 18 houses that encroached some of the 78' onto First Energy's
50 property with pools and sheds and said it's probably not realistic. He said the
51 Revere property was developed, First Energy bought that property in 1926 and it
52 was always higher. Mr. Herron said it's not necessarily a thing that First Energy
53 caused. He said it at least does flow down your swales to the street. Mr. Herron
54 said they can take a look again. He said to do extensive sewers there, we would
55 have to work with First Energy to get some potential easements and meet with our
56 city engineer, who is here. Mr. Herron said unfortunately the neighborhood was

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3 developed that way and it has always been an issue. He said if this was caught
4 back in 1977, it would have been a good thing, and not allow people to encroach
5 and have a swale that could have come down toward Webster where there is a
6 sewer line would have been the way to go. Mr. Herron said we will have to look
7 at other things. He said looking at the maps, we would be going through people's
8 yards, pools and sheds. Mr. Herron said he wished there was an easy solution, but
9 he can't think of an easy one. He said we will re-examine this and see if we can
10 come up with something.
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12 Mr. Ali asked Engineer Kerber what her opinion was.
13 Mrs. Kerber agreed with what Mr. Herron said, she said there is not an easy
14 solution. She said with the encroachment there it makes it difficult. Mrs. Kerber
15 said they would take another look to see if we can come up with anything.
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17 Mr. Ali confirmed that Ms. Hosta had two sewer catch basins.
18 Ms. Hosta said there is one on each side of her home. She said when she put in
19 the French drain, it did alleviate and detour the water so it would go to the side of
20 the property and not just continually lay in the middle of the yard.
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22 Mr. Ali confirmed the French drain going to both sewers did not solve the
23 problem.
24 Ms. Hosta said it did not. She said it has given her a little more of a manageable
25 backyard but did not deplete the problem. Ms. Hosta said she doesn't want it
26 looked at that is how it's always been, things can change. She thought this might
27 be an opportunity to do just that. Ms. Hosta said she knows that there will be
28 dollars involved and that a lot of homeowners will benefit from this, she is not
29 the only one.
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31 Mayor Castelli said we will regroup to see if there are any creative solutions. He
32 said to everyone's point, we know this is a complex one because homeowners
33 built on CEI's property and that is where CEI was very clear they would be happy
34 to put a swale but those items would need to be moved.
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36 Mrs. Kerber said she and Councilman Zakel met with CEI approximately a year
37 ago and said they are not very receptive to doing any of the work themselves.
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39 Mayor Castelli said we will have some conversations with them again too. He
40 said lets regroup and then we will have a meeting with Dianna to start talk about
41 what the solutions could be.
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43 Mr. Sage asked Mr. Herron or Mrs. Kerber if they could give Ms. Hosta an update
44 regarding the streets repairs on Revere.
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46 Mr. Herron said \$500,000 was approved for Revere Circle and for Elmdale. He
47 said a bid will be going out in about two week. Mr. Herron said the bids should
48 come back by the end of July. He said we will work around council's schedule to
49 see when we can get that approved. Mr. Herron said once the concrete repairs are
50 done, we are working towards an asphalt overlay with our general pavement
51 services. He said a couple different programs are being combined. Mr. Herron
52 said this will be a little more cost efficient but will have a better product. He
53 confirmed the whole street will be done.
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55 Ms. Hosta said hence her concern with the sewer drain in front of her home sitting
56 low, if all of that work is going to be done she doesn't want this overlooked.
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58 Mayor Castelli said that is a good point, and told Engineer Kerber that they need
59 to understand what the issue is.
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61 Ms. Hosta said CEI also has a box in between the two properties of her 14308
62 Revere and 14336. She said when water comes down there, there is at least a foot
and a half of water sitting at the bottom of that box.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

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

No legislation.

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

Mr. Bortolotto introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37, A Resolution authorizing the service director to trade-in truck parts no longer needed by the Middleburg Heights Service Department for credit towards the purchase of used/new condition truck beds and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

RES. 2025-37
ADOPTED
TRADE-IN TRUCK
PARTS NO LONGER
NEEDED

Mr. Bortolotto said this has to do with \$4,000 worth of truck parts that we want to trade in.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37 ADOPTED

Mr. Bortolotto made a motion authorizing city council to recess for the months of July and August 2025 as permitted by City Charter 4.06. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

MOTION 2025-13
SUMMER RECESS

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE – MR. ZAKEL, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-38, An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with TitleCo Title Agency to connect to the sanitary main on Pearl Road in the City of Middleburg Heights and MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

ORD. 2025-38
ADOPTED
AGREEMENT:
TITLECO TITLE
AGENCY

Mr. Meany said TitleCo Title Agency, a property owner along the east side of Pearl Road south of Bagley Road, is requesting a road cut, which is required to connect to a sanitary sewer line. He said the property owner desires to upgrade from a septic system to a connection to the sanitary sewer system which requires a road cut. Mr. Meany said the city desires to simplify access to the sanitary system with one road cut, rather than multiple disruptive road cuts. He said we have agreed to repay the lesser amount of 50% of the cost of the project or up to \$60,000.

Mr. Ali said he thinks this is very wise, adding that there are about seven or eight septic systems over there that probably all failed or would fail. He asked how we make sure that the other people hook into this.

Mr. Herron said we would meet with the Board of Health and then we can demonstrate that there is a sanitary sewer within 500' and work with them and council to compel them to connect. He said that would also open up the parcel across from Speedway, which was proposed to be that Z's Cream and Bean. Mr. Herron said that is vacant, but they would have the opportunity to connect to that if it was ever developed.

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1 Mr. Ali asked if that would be the last parcel that does not have a sanitary sewer.
2 Mr. Herron said yes on that side.
3 Mr. Ali said he wants to make sure that those other properties are forced to tie
4 into the sewers so their septic systems that are failing do not keep leaking.
5 Mr. Herron said he would work with Mr. Meany and the streets committee.
6 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-38 ADOPTED
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10 Mr. Meany introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39, A Resolution establishing a
11 moratorium on the establishment or commencement of fireworks retail
12 establishments within the City of Middleburg Heights and declaring an
13 emergency and moved for suspension of Charter Section 4.10 (5 day delivery
14 requirement) & Council Rule 3 (24 hour agenda requirement). Seconded by Mr.
15 Ference.

RES. 2025-39
ADOPTED
ESTABLISH
MORATORIUM -
FIREWORKS RETAIL
ESTABLISHMENTS

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

17 Mr. Meany MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Sage.
18 Mayor Castelli thanked Councilman Meany. He said as you know, we have
19 passed this moratorium in the past. Mayor Castelli said we are continuing to
20 review our zoning code to ensure that we have the proper zoning to protect us
21 from certain types of uses, which we consider a little more dangerous for specific
22 areas.
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24 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39 ADOPTED

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27 ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE – MR. FERENCE, CHAIRMAN

28 Mr. Ference introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2025-40, An Ordinance approving the
29 Meijer Stage 2 PMU Development Plan and authorizing the mayor to enter into a
30 Development Agreement with Meijer Stores Limited Partnership and MOVED
31 TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ORD. 2025-40
ADOPTED
APPROVE MEIJER
STAGE 2 PMU
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN

32 Mr. Ference said the plan that is in front of you, put forth by Meijer and their
33 agency, is to develop the plot of land where the Sears building is now. He said
34 this is a very thorough plan that was covered and approved by the planning
35 commission as well. Mr. Ference urged his colleagues to support this legislation.
36 Mayor Castelli thanked Meijer's and their team for all of their work and due
37 diligence up to this point. He said this has been a great process and Meijer has
38 been fantastic to work with and is extremely thorough. Mayor Castelli said
39 Meijer has been very accommodating and he appreciated their willingness to
40 work with us to redevelop this area. He said we are very excited to bring back
41 another great one stop shopping experience for the residents of Middleburg
42 Heights and the surrounding area. Mayor Castelli said it was not that long ago
43 that we had a Sears and a Kmart and can't think of a better solution than having a
44 new Meijer's here in the Southland District to make up for the loss of those two
45 locations. He again thanked Meijer's for their investment in our community.

46 Mr. Ali said he thinks he speaks for everybody, the city welcomes you with open
47 arms and appreciates you coming to Middleburg Heights.

48 Mr. Bortolotto echoed those sentiments as well.

49 Mr. Sage congratulated the mayor and his administration, including economic
50 development, lawyers, engineers, and Meijer's. He said we are finally seeing the
51 results and said this is very exciting for our city. Mr. Sage extended kudos to
52 everybody involved.

53 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-40 ADOPTED
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1 Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41, A Resolution
2 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with ProQuality Demolition for
3 the abatement and demolition of the former Burlington Coat Factory Building and
4 moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT.
5 Seconded by Mr. Zakel.

RES. 2025-41
ADOPTED
AGREEMENT:
PROQUALITY
DEMOLITION
(FORMER
BURLINGTON COAT
FACTORY
BUILDING)

6 Mayor Castelli said as you know, we have been working on the Sears demo and
7 that is moving along, and would say we are approximately 90 percent through
8 that. He said next phase will take a little bit of a longer time, which will be the
9 fill that we will need to bring over to the Sears property to fill the basement.
10 Mayor Castelli said that will take a few months, but simultaneously we will get
11 started on what this legislation refers to, which is the demo of the site next door
12 that was the old Burlington building. He said ProQuality was the lowest and the
13 best bid. Mayor Castelli said there was a list of eight pre-qualified contractors.
14 He said the bids for the Burlington site ranged anywhere from \$2.4 million down
15 to the bid from ProQuality which was \$1.57 million. Mayor Castelli said they
16 would like to move forward with this bid tonight.

17 Mr. Sage asked if this includes the Brownfield grant abatement.

18 Mayor Castelli said we have been very successful, probably one of the few
19 communities that has been successful and in the possession of two Brownfield
20 grants. He said one was for the Sears site which is being utilized right now, and
21 then we also were able to take over the grant that Brixmor received for the
22 Burlington site. Mayor Castelli said part of the real estate transaction, was that
23 we were able to acquire that grant to help with the demo.

24 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41 ADOPTED

25 Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42, An Ordinance to make
26 supplemental appropriations for current expenditures and expenses for the City of
27 Middleburg Heights for the calendar year 2025 and moved to adopt. On behalf of
28 the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

ORD. 2025-42
ADOPTED
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS

29 Mayor Castelli said this supplemental revolves around a few items. He said
30 obviously the additional cost as Mr. Meany and city council just passed for the
31 sanitary project on Pearl Road. Mayor Castelli said there is also additional
32 funding for our street program. He said the streets committee has gone over some
33 of the additional streets that the city is going to be working on. Mayor Castelli
34 said the largest item would go to the Southland Streetscape Project, which
35 revolves around the Meijer traffic signal work. He said that is going in on Smith
36 Road for the Meijer's project and will be reimbursed by Meijer's.

37 Mr. Ference referred to Elmdale Road and asked Mr. Herron if that fell under the
38 streets additional funding of \$570,000.

39 Mr. Herron said yes and then also actually Craigmere, Revere and Webster too.

40 Mr. Ference said he appreciates the much needed repair. He said the residents
41 over there have voice their concerns many times over regarding that road.

42 Mr. Herron said we are also going to do Claremont off of Kiwanis.

43 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42 ADOPTED

44 Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43, An Ordinance
45 authorizing the mayor and finance director to enter into a contract with Sealed
46 LLC and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO
47 ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ORD. 2025-43
ADOPTED
CONTRACT:
SEALED LLC

48 Mayor Castelli said this is for work that is done every year to seal the parking lots
49 on the campus. He said they would like to get started on this. Mayor Castelli said
50 Mr. Herron and Marty Kramer, handle this and have worked with this contractor
51 for years. He said they are a really good contractor and they work around
52 challenging schedules. Mayor Castelli said there is a lot of activity up here during
53 the summer, especially at the community center.

54 ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43 ADOPTED

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Mayor Castelli introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44, An Ordinance approving the assignment of the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Middleburg Heights and Pearl Partners LLC; and declaring an emergency and moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

ORD. 2025-44
ADOPTED
APPROVE TIF
AGREEMENT
(PEARL PARTNERS)

Mayor Castelli asked Mr. Mark Glick to come forward. Mr. Glick, Manager, Pearl Partners LLC, came forward and said they are here selling the center and in contract right now with Curblin Properties. He said this is a good opportunity for them to move on, but will still retain the third lot in the back, which is a development site.

Mayor Castelli said in talking with Mark, that particular redevelopment has been very successful. He referred to the lot in the back and asked Mr. Glick if they were going to look at more actively for potential development.

Mr. Glick said yes, it is being marketed now and have their eye on certain types of uses with the plan to develop it.

Mayor Castelli said this is not a new TIF, this is already in place. He said when they do the sale, they would just transfer that as part of the sale.

Mr. Ali confirmed that the new owner would meet the same criteria as the old owner.

Mr. Glick they are as capable of running these properties as anybody.

Mr. Ali asked how often this gets reviewed.

Mr. Bichara said every year.

Mr. Ference asked what the size was of that third parcel on the back.

Mr. Glick said the third parcel is approximately 2.7 acres.

Mr. Ference said that is a nice amount of space to put some development in there, and confirmed there is access to it from the other development.

Mr. Glick said yes. He said the property was designed with the third parcel in mind to provide access.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 6, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44 ADOPTED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Ali wished his colleague, Mr. Meany, a very happy, ¾ of a century birthday today.

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

Mr. Bortolotto thanked the rec department, service department, police, fire and city hall for an outstanding Summer in the City. He wished everyone a safe and fun summer as well. Mr. Bortolotto said he also looked forward to the summer Concerts in the Park.

Legislation & Rules Committee – Mr. Zakel, Chairman

Mr. Zakel seconded what Council President Bortolotto said. He said he recently participated in the most recent Safety Town. Mr. Zakel said they did a phenomenal job with the kids. Mr. Zakel said the showing from our city at the Summer in the City was amazing. He said everyone had a great time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and said the fireworks show was amazing. Mr. Zakel said he is really proud to be a resident and commended the mayor and administration for putting on an outstanding Summer in the City.

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

No report.

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Public Improvements Committee – Mr. Sage, Chairman

Mr. Sage echoed everyone’s comments regarding the great job that was done with our Summer in the City. He said that was another awesome event and extended kudos to everyone involved. Mr. Sage also wished Mr. Meany a happy birthday.

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

Mr. Meany said he wanted to applaud the administration. He said the street sweeper was in the area today and he had a couple comments about how nice that was. Mr. Meany asked Mr. Herron how many times a year that was done.

Mr. Herron said eight.

Mr. Meany said the residents appreciate this.

Zoning & Building Code Committee – Mr. Ference, Chairman

Mr. Ference said he, his wife and family members truly enjoyed the Summer in the City this year. He said he received many positive responses from residents thanking the city for this really nice event.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Castelli said these events do not happen without the support of city council, and said they appreciated everything that council does to ensure that we are able to fund these events. He said there is a lot of hard work that goes into that, and the staff really appreciates the kind words. Mayor Castelli said today he met with the Cleveland Browns and Mayor Orcutt. He said they will continue to meet and said he thinks it is important if that particular redevelopment occurs that Middleburg Heights has a seat at the table. Mayor Castelli said we are the closest community to Brook Park and this project. He said he is there just to make sure that if ultimately that happens, that we make sure we protect our community, traffic management, critical infrastructure, safety forces, etc. Mayor Castelli said he has made it very clear that he does not believe that the taxpayers of Middleburg Heights should be responsible for that. He said ultimately we want this to work and want everyone to be successful, but that is a burden that we shouldn’t have to take on. Mayor Castelli said the Browns and Mayor Orcutt were very receptive to the conversation. He thinks as we get closer to where there is a decision, he would encourage and Mayor Orcutt was happy to do so, to come and speak before the city council to inform you on their conversations, as well as activities that will happen further. Mayor Castelli said the chief brought up that if this is something that happens, that we want to have committee meetings with the safety forces ensuring that this is a regional approach to this project and that everybody understands what it really means.

Mr. Ali asked if anything was said regarding the Art Modell lawsuit that was launched yesterday.

Mayor Castelli said they did not have any discussions about that.

Mr. Ali asked if they are moving forward in digging to start building the stadium.

Mayor Castelli said he thinks the Browns intention is to absolutely move forward at that location.

Mr. Ference commended Mayor Castelli on his foresight to take these things into consideration well in advance of this project, because it very much will impact the surrounding communities. He said taking a regional approach to this project is the only way to do this.

Mr. Ali said we are very fortunate that Mayor Castelli and Mayor Orcutt get along very well.

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There being no further business, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Meany. Mr. Bortolotto adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.


David Bortolotto
President of Council


Mary Ann Meola
Clerk of Council