

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/3/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused Absent Members: First Ward Jeff Hallinin. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, HR Director Valerie Dilley, Safety Director Rob Ware, Auditor Mark Bidwell, and Utilities Operation Manager Brian Frost.

Law Director Kendra Kinney swore in Audrey Lukasak as the Councilperson-Third Ward for the City of Circleville.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Moats motioned to approve City Council minutes from November 19, 2024. Duvall seconded. Motion carried.

Hedges motioned to approve City Council minutes from November 26, 2024. Theis seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hedges stated she had a Finance meeting on November 14, 2024, and there are four pieces of legislation from that meeting on tonight's Agenda. Hedges stated she also had a meeting on December 2, 2024, and there will be an additional three pieces of legislation she will request to be added to the Agenda under new business.

Theis stated she has one Ordinance on tonight's Agenda that she will speak to.

Duvall stated he has two Resolutions on tonight's Agenda.

Klitzka stated next Tuesday members of Council and the Administration will be touring Rumpke's Recycling Center in Columbus.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Law Director Kinney stated she has begun preliminary discussions on union negotiations and working on end of the year legislation.

Mayor Blanton thanked the public who attended the tree lighting and cookie walk. The Mayor stated the Christmas parade will be on December 7, 2024. Wyngate is having a grand reopening next Friday and an Elvis Christmas concert on December 11, 2024.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk Melissa Burns stated that Council received communication from the Pickaway County Democratic Party that they have appointed Audrey Lukasak as a new member of Circleville City Council to represent the Third Ward.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to accept the correspondence and place it on file. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

READINGS OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Discussion: Hedges stated the budget was done taking into consideration the levy not passing and approximately one million in higher expenditures.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for passage. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-91-2024

b) Sufficiency-DR Horton - RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated that items b, c, and d all relate to adding the three developments to the NCA. This Resolution is specific to adding the DR Horton development to the NCA.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

This motioned for adoption. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Resolution is adopted and assigned #12-92-2024

c) Sufficiency-Heritage Ponds - RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: This resolution is specific to adding the Heritage Ponds development to the NCA.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for adoption. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Resolution is adopted and assigned #12-93-2024

d) Sufficiency-S. Court Street - RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: This Resolution is specific to adding the S. Court Street development to the NCA.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for adoption. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Resolution is adopted and assigned #12-94-2024

e) AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.023 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, FOR EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION, SETTING FORTH WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE TO THE 54.49 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, CONSENTING TO SUCH ANNEXATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Theis stated this Ordinance came from the City Joint Planning and Zoning Commission with a recommendation for acceptance. In the agreement the City will provide the following services: Police, Fire and EMS, Water, Wastewater Treatment, Storm Sewers and Zoning Regulations. There will be a public hearing on December 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Wesley Commons PUD.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to suspend the rules. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Thess motioned for passage. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-95-2024

f) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE WASTEWATER OPERATING FUND 808 AND SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND 909 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE

Discussion: Hedges stated this is the 15th housekeeping Ordinance of the year and came out of Finance with a recommendation for passage.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for passage. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-96-2024

New Business:

1) Update from PARS, PICCA, and PAAC.

Susan Metzger from PAAC stated her organization used the opioid funds to purchase parent handbooks that helps to educate parents on current issues youth are facing. PAAC was also able to support PARS in providing items for their summer in the park events and purchase three licenses for the viewing of Screenangers.

Leah Raymer from PARS stated her organization was able to start a new program over the summer called PARS in the park. They were able to hold 14 sessions over 7 weeks for elementary age kids. This event was put on by the PARS prevention team. PARS was also able to have a back-to-school bash with over 150 kids and adults present.

Nick Pruitt from PICCA stated his organization was able to use the opioid funds to help with their Triple S Wellness event and Soap N Hope. Pruitt stated PICCA was able to provide training materials needed for individuals who want to give back and obtain their Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Licensure. Pruitt stated Soap N Hope's mobile shower and laundry is now operating all year long. This service was able to provide 145 showers and 30 loads of laundry.

2) Hedges motioned to excuse Jeff Hallinin from tonight's Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

3) **MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Moats motioned to confirm Colin Hedges appointment by the Mayor to the Pickaway County Health District Board. Duvall Seconded. Roll Call (1 Abstain by Hedges, 5 Yeas, 0 Nay). His term will expire on December 31, 2029.

4) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 191.01, 191.03, 191.07, 191.16, 192.03 AND 192.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE SO AS TO DECREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX RATE FROM THE CURRENT RATE OF TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (2.50%) TO A RATE OF TWO PERCENT (2.0%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to add this Ordinance to the Agenda. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Ordinance is added to the Agenda for its first reading.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is making the official decrease from the income tax rate from 2.5% to 2% , and is a result of the levy not passing.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-97-2024

5) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 191.16 AND 192.01 SECTION 1(B)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE INCOME TAX REVENUE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2024)

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to add this Ordinance to the Agenda. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Ordinance is added to the Agenda for its first reading.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is an Ordinance that is done and the end of the of the year. This was overlooked for 2024 and is the allocation of the Income Tax Revenue Fund.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to Amend the Ordinance on the floor in Section II to replace January 1, 2024, with January 1, 2025. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned for passage. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-98-2024

6) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 191.16 AND 192.01 SECTION 1(B)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE INCOME TAX REVENUE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2025)

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to add this Ordinance to the Agenda. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Ordinance is added to the Agenda for its first reading.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is the same Ordinance as above but allocating the Income Tax Revenue Fund for 2025.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for passage. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance is passed and assigned #12-99-2024

7) Motion to go into Executive Session:

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). This session would include all Council members including the president, Law Director, Mayor, and the Safety Director, HR Director Valerie Dilley, and Fire Chief Brian Thompson.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Council is adjourned into Executive Session.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Moats Motioned to adjourn executive session. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

Hedges motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Council is adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.