

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/5/2025

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Pro Tem Sheri Theis, At Large Members Katie Logan Hedges and Tom Klitzka, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall and Assistant Clerk, Sarah Kolesar. Absent Member: President Barry Keller. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, and Safety Director Paul Pride.

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

Duvall motioned to approve City Council minutes from July 15, 2025. Lukasak seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS: Klitzka stated there are two items on the Agenda originating from the Judicial Committee.

Hedges stated there was a Finance Committee meeting on July 29, 2025, in which one Ordinance was discussed and forwarded on to the City Council meeting on August 19, 2025.

Hallinin noted the National Night Out was held this evening at Ted Lewis Park, with Fire, Police, a SWAT vehicle and Helicopter present where kids enjoyed exploring and having fun. Hallinin expressed there was a great turnout and thanked the Safety Forces for hosting the Community Event.

Theis announced there was a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. this evening regarding changing code violations from criminal penalties to civil penalties. Theis noted an issue with the audio during the Public Hearing but explained that the audio will be available on the City website under Agendas and Minutes.

Theis announced the Tree Commission currently has three openings, and if anyone is interested in serving that the application is on the City website and will be accepted through August 15, 2025.

Theis announced the New Community Authority (NCA) Board will meet on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS: Law Director Kinney thanked the Safety Forces for the National Night Out event, stating it was well attended by the community.

Mayor Blanton expressed appreciation for the activities and events happening at Ted Lewis Park and announced the next "Movies in the Park" event will be this Friday and will be showing Shrek, starting at dusk.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Steve Sawyer stated he is the newly elected President of ArtsaRound and wishes to refurbish two murals in Circleville. Sawyer noted he was given an estimate of \$75,000 and presented this to Council for advice and possible fundraising ideas. Sawyer additionally said they are interested in having an art camp for children at the Starkey Pavillion next summer and is asking Council if they would be interested in partnering together for that.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) The City Council of the City of Circleville, Ohio (the “City Council”) will hold a public hearing pursuant to a Resolution No. 07.55.2025 of the City Council duly adopted July 15, 2025 (the “Resolution of Sufficiency”), at or after 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2025, at the chambers of the City Council, 121 S. Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113 on each of the NCA Joinder Agreements filed as consents pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03(B)(4), including those with respect to: (i) TNT FL REALTY, LLC and their permitted successors and assigns, (ii) RaceTrac, Inc, and their permitted successors and assigns, (iii) Philly Petroleum LLC, and their permitted successors and assigns, including, but not limited to Takhar Investments, LLC, (iv) SVKC LLC, and their permitted successors and assigns, and (v) Alto Real Estate, LLC, and their permitted successors and assigns, including but not limited to Rising Development Corporation, SHD Circleville, LLC, and 252 at the Circle, LLC (together, the “Consents”), as property owners and future property owners, to add certain parcels of real property to the Circleville New Community Authority District (the “District”), a new community authority district established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349. The Resolution of Sufficiency, each of the Consents, and the original Petition for Establishment of the Circleville New Community Authority are each on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, located at 121 S. Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113 and are available for inspection by interested persons during regular business hours.
- 2) Mariah Matthews, spouse of a Circleville Police officer, submitted an email to City Council addressing concerns about the department's scheduling practices.
- 3) Simona Kendrick, of 506 Plaza Drive, Circleville, Ohio, submitted an email to City Council with concerns regarding an incident with law enforcement on 12/24/2024 as well as concerns with a Court appearance on 03/25/2025.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE: Hallinin motioned to place the Communication on file. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Klitzka noted that this is an annual Ordinance to accept the replacement pages for the Codified Ordinances, which include State and City amendments. Law Director Kinney explained this is an update to the codified Ordinances pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Klitzka motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Klitzka motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #08.63.2025.

b) A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE RETAIL CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPENSING OF ADULT-USE AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Klitzka explained this Resolution is to extend the current Moratorium for a period of six months, which will prohibit Marijuana dispensaries in the City of Circleville. Klitzka stated there is continuous discussion on this topic and this Resolution would give them additional time.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Klitzka motioned for passage of the Resolution. Moats seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #08.64.2025.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:19 p.m. Duvall seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Clerk.