

VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President of Council Kilway called the Virtual Regular Council meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2021 to order at 7:00 p.m. as permitted by House Bill 197 and extended by House Bill 404, this meeting is being held via teleconference and/or teleconference only and will be live streamed via a link on the City's calendar. Public input is invited at the beginning of the meeting and you have to wait until you are recognized by the Chair to state your name and address so the comments can be properly recorded. Please limit your remarks to two (2) minutes and you will be entered into the meeting digitally during the time allotted. Any comments can be submitted to Council and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. So, we will stand for a silent prayer and then Mayor Kline
2. **PRAYER:** Silent prayer.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – present. Also present were Mayor Kline, Dir. of Public Service Rorar, Dir. of Administration Cooper, Dir. of Economic Development Springer, Dir. of Finance Gilbride, Dir. of Law Raber, and Clerk of Council Burton. Mr. Donovan was excused.
4. **MINUTES:** 4-22-21 Virtual Regular Council Meeting minutes. Mr. Loughry moved to approve the minutes of 4-22-21. Seconded Mr. Grimm. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The 4-22-21 Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted by a vote of 6-0.**
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- Fire & EMS Fund Transfer in the amount of \$160,000 to Council on 5-3-21.
- Bond Retirement Transfer in the amount of \$150,000 to Council on 5-3-21.
- Street Maintenance & Repair Transfer in the amount of \$140,000 to Council on 5-3-21.
- Police Pension Transfer in the amount of \$70,000 to Council on 5-3-21.
- Bond Retirement Transfer in the amount of \$8,010 to Council on 5-3-21.
- Appropriation Report, Fund Report and Revenue Report for the period ending 4-30-21 to Council on 5-4-21.
- April Financial Reports to Council on 5-4-21.
- Tallmadge Recreation Center Profit and Loss Report for the period ending 4-30-21 to Council on 5-4-21.
- Income Tax Comparisons for the period ending 4-30-21 to Council on 5-4-21.
- Revenue Comparisons for the period ending 4-30-21 to Council on 5-4-21.
- Consolidated Investment Portfolio for the period ending 4-30-21 to Council on 5-4-21.

Mr. Sisak moved for the acceptance of the financial reports as submitted. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **The Financial Reports submitted by Dir. of Finance Gilbride were accepted by a vote of 6-0.**

6. **Public Hearings:**

**Ord. 48-2021  
Planning & Zoning**

**At 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.**

Imposing a six-month moratorium on acceptance of any applications for R-6 Residential Open Space Planned Development and providing for immediate enactment.

**P.H. on 5-13-21 @ 7:03 p.m.**

**Pres. of Council:** It is now 7:05 p.m. and I call the public hearing for Ord. 48-2021 open. We are supposed to have a Mr. Jim O'Connor from Pulte Group located in Medina and he does have some input on this. Is there anyone here who would like to speak in favor of Ord. 48-2021? No one responded. Is there anyone who would like to speak against Ord. 49-2021? No one responded.

**Mayor:** Mr. O'Connor you are muted.

**Mr. O'Connor:** My name is Jim O'Connor, and I am with Pulte Homes and I just wanted an opportunity to speak before you this evening. As a vested stakeholder in the City, a home builder, and a landowner, I just want to share a little bit of perspective of how we see kind of what is going on throughout Northeast Ohio having lived through many situations like this and I will be very brief.

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There was discussion regarding the fact that Pulte is the developer of Tallmadge Reserve; the Ripley farm, and the project represents a \$67 million capital investment.

**Pres. of Council:** For the second time; is there anyone who would like to speak in favor of Ord. 48-2021? No one responded. Is there anyone who would like to speak against Ord. 48-2021? No one responded. Third and final time; is there anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against Ord. 48-2021? No one responded. It is now 7:16 p.m. and I will call the public hearing for Ord. 48-2021 closed and it doesn't look like Mr. Donovan has joined us, so I will recognize Mr. Sisak to open Planning & Zoning.

**Mr. Sisak:** I will go ahead and open Planning & Zoning. So, we have just finished with the public hearing on Ord. 48-2021. Is there any input from the committee on this?

**Mr. Grimm:** This ordinance before you does not eliminate R-6; it basically puts a hold on it for a period of up to 6 months. Dennis and I have been with the Mayor and the Zoning Department here a week or so ago and we had a pretty good discussion about the R-6 District and what we had come up with, we feel that there is a need for an R-6 in Tallmadge; there is certain land that quite honestly you can use R-6 in, but whether or not you should take or make 30 acres the minimum was kind of the question we had. Maybe an R-6 is better off having a maximum of 30 acres. It is a concern of mine that if we allow R-6 to stay on the books as it is that every development that comes into Tallmadge and in the future will all be R-6. As Mr. O'Connor said, there is a huge savings for the developer on the utilities. While there is a lot of vacant open land it really ends up making for much smaller lots. Our discussion in the last week or so was the fact that maybe there is some way we could merge our R-3, R-4, even R-1 in with an R-6 to the point that you make smaller lots in the R-6 and some of the remaining land becomes larger lots. Some type of a combined development. So, you can take a large piece of land if you were to develop the land say behind the high school with a lot of wetlands down there you could use an R-6 to take around the land that isn't that developable but yet still create bigger lots in other areas to allow it to happen. So, I think we are asking this evening to adopt this ordinance and since we are in the process of looking over our Zoning Code, do it with maybe a more open mind in a way that we can use R-6 but don't make it so advantageous that it is the only thing that a developer would want to build. So, with that, I will . . . hopefully Dennis will jump in and have something to say about this also.

**Mr. Loughry:** I agree with everything that Chris said, and our meeting was very worthy of our time; it was very good. My point has always been, especially now that predominantly we only have R-1 land left and I always thought that the R-1 land was our communities ace in the hole if you would of balancing our City and housing options. So, especially for a community our size, I don't even know if we are 18,000 people yet; the Mayor may know, but we have, for a community our size, you know we have a mobile home park, we have lots of subsidized housing whether it be apartments or rentals, we have a lot of homes that are 50 years or older in parts of the City and then when you look at the R-6 product, it really becomes an R-4 price point and whether you would compare that with Stonegate or the Ryan allotment behind Acme or the allotment behind Dunbar or now the Reserve; you still have a price point somewhere between probably \$200,000 to \$250,000 and \$325,000 and \$350,000 and my point is when we have R-1 land left, we need to put a R-1 product on it. That is what will balance out our housing options and so I am all for R-6 and I would like to think that it is being done to create open space and work around you know impediments whether those are wetlands, topography, streams, or woods or even if the developer just wants to reduce their infrastructure costs. My point is that it doesn't make good sense to have an R-4 price point filling up all of our R-1 land and so I just think it is a good time to look at this and possibly tweak it; that's all.

**Mr. Sisak:** Does anyone else have any input regarding Ord. 48-2021?

**Mayor:** Thank you Chris and Dennis for having the meeting like you said with Megan Raber and Matt Springer and Helene. It was a very productive meeting and the reason I think the moratorium was really requested was because we are really right in the middle of rewriting the Zoning Code and we are at the tail end of it. Is this the time to tweak it like Dennis just stated? I think Chris said it also that there is a place for R-6. I think there are some good opportunities for the R-1 District to have some R-6. That is what we are tweaking within the Zoning Code that will be before Planning & Zoning and we will have a public work session on that at the end of the month.

**Mr. Sisak:** Any other input from Council?

**Pres. of Council:** Are there any developers that are right now looking at Tallmadge and any of that R-1 area where this moratorium is going to affect them at this point in time?

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**Mayor:** I will say that I have had some conversations with Mr. O'Connor. Nothing has been submitted to the Zoning Department, but he has been working with the property owner out there. There has been no submission to answer your question.

**Mr. Sisak:** I guess I can take a motion from the committee or the floor if anyone would like to do that, or I can do it. This is our first dry run at this and so . . .

**Mr. Grimm:** I will make a motion to adopt Ord. 48-2021. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm – unanimous. **Ord. 48-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

**Mr. Sisak:** I will go ahead and close committee.

7. **Community Input:**

**Pres. of Council:** I do not believe that we have anybody.

8. **Agenda Additions:** None.

**Pres. of Council:** I am going to take this time to share how the new rules will affect the rest of this meeting and it is primarily just in Item 10 where we go into Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole. When the committee comes up, I will recognize the committee chair and the chair will then open the committee. We don't need to state roll call because everybody that is here is on the committee and then basically you just state that you have the ordinance and the number and whatever reading it is and then ask Susan to read it into the record. Then we can open for discussion and everyone can have discussion and participate and then based on what the discussion is as to whether the ordinance will be given another reading or whether there will be a motion to accept and adopt.

Then you would just go onto the next item in your committee so then after we have made a motion or we are giving it another reading, you just go onto the next ordinance and when there are no more ordinances, there is an item that says, "additional items" and that is just a period when you can discuss anything that would come within your committee that is not on the agenda. Then you close your committee and then we go onto the next committee.

9. **Reports of Administrative Officers:**

a. **Mayor/Director of Safety**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- Senior Parade
- Acceptance of Art in the Park items from the Tallmadge School District.
- Covid Rules changing. All rules will come to an end effective June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will start having in-person public meetings here at City Hall and so we will have one more Council meeting in May that will be virtual. We have a team here that is comprised of myself, Dr. Cooper, Megan, and Mollie to figure out the rules and how we are going to reopen City Hall. If you have been in City Hall, you have seen that we have a person in the front lobby. We are strongly considering keeping that as a permanent fixture and that has worked out extremely well and it helps other departments with miscellaneous job tasks, and it welcome the public in and I really think it helps things out. So, we are meeting with Parks and Rec on how to reactivate and do a couple different things.
- Adoption of Ord. 62-2021. That is the demolition and the grant that we received to demo some of the structures out for the new fire station.

b. **Director of Administration**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- Although I don't have a formal report this evening, I am happy to entertain any questions you might have.
- Update on Part-Time Firefighters contract. Looking good, but we have not received official word.

c. **Director of Public Service**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- No parade or pancake breakfast for Memorial Day. The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m. We are not at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> date so I would stress that you abide by the CDC guidelines.
- Pickleball Courts being added to Lions Park.
- Maca Pool – More memberships. Each member can bring in two guests. The pool is up and running. There will be no swim lessons this year. There is a chlorine shortage, but we were assured that we will be fine.

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c. **Director of Public Service (Cont'd.)**

- Planning & Zoning had a huge increase in pool permits and that also shows an increase in fences.
- Ord. 60-2021 – I would like adopted this evening.

d. **Director of Economic Development**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- Just concluded our Small Business Covid Relief Program.
- Dr. Elliot's Podiatry practice has been sold.
- Serpentini is moving forward with their 6-acre expansion on West Avenue.
- Spray Works just bought out at 4211 Karg Industrial Parkway. This is about 30,000 square foot facility. The Brimfield/Tallmadge JEDD was fortunate to get a business of this caliber.
- Rocky's Skating Rink sold and the tenants that were there last year are no longer there. The new owner had plans for new tenants and I think he has good intentions. It has had some delays, but it is something that we are keeping really close sights on.

e. **Director of Finance**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- April Financial Reports. For all purposes, we are doing well. Just like last year, I think this year in comparing this year to last year and this year to another year is going to be difficult because our income tax continues to be looking good and we don't seem to be seeing any huge impediments from that.
- The case regarding the City income tax against the City of Columbus and the order during the state of emergency for businesses to continue to collect at their current location was dismissed by the courts and so I believe there is an appeal going forward, but that is on the positive side for us that maybe we will be able to uphold that.
- Ord. 59-2021 – I would like adopted this evening at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

f. **Director of Law**

**Discussed the following topics:**

- Successful Drug Take Back on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Police Department collected 281 lbs. of drugs and then 113 lbs. of trash, pills, and containers and so we do try to weigh those separately, but it was a very successful endeavor and again a reminder to the public that we do have a dump location that just means that if you go into the lobby of the Police Department you can dispose of your unused medication or prescription drugs.

10. **Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole:**

a. **Planning and Zoning**

James Donovan, Chair

Craig Sisak, Vice Chair

i. **Third readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. **Ord. 51-2021** – Approving and granting a conditional zoning certificate for special nonresidential development to property owner/applicant City of Tallmadge for government owned buildings and facilities, located at 735 Eastwood Avenue (Parcel 6000980) approximately 2.27 acres, which shall include and consolidate Parcel 6000982, 599 S. Munroe Road (Parcel 6003867), Parcel 6000495, 582 S. Munroe Road (PN 6003866), and 571 S. Munroe Road (PN 6004640).

**Mr. Sisak:** I would like to call Planning & Zoning to order. We currently have Ord. 51-2021 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Ord. 51-2021 was read into the record.

Mr. Grimm moved for the adoption of Ord. 51-2021. Seconded Mr. Loughry.

Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs.

Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 51-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

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### ii. Additional Items

**Mr. Grimm:** Wanted to discuss some of the Zoning Code changes.

- No longer putting signage up on properties when we are doing a zoning change
- No longer mail notices to everybody within 500' of the variance.

**Dir. of Law:** Mr. Grimm, if I could just clarify that the change for the 500' is only to stop providing that for persons that are not within the City of Tallmadge jurisdiction. Everyone within 500' that is in the City of Tallmadge will still receive notification.

With regard to the signage, there was a response to that question in the Q&A response that Helene provided and she actually . . . we actually addressed that we are looking to adopt what is in the Ohio Revised Code; a similar model which provides for if there are a certain number of properties that are being rezoned at the same time, you provide the notification to everyone within 500' but you do not have to post signage. So, for example, the example given in the response was that you can have a situation where let's say an overlay was adopted and you would not want to drive down, let's say West Avenue, with the overlay we are dealing with, drive down West Avenue and literally every single property that is subject to that rezoning for that overlay has signage in front and so that was the intent.

The Ohio Revised Code does provide for that and so we are addressing that comment. So, I just wanted to note that so that if you proceed to discuss this, I think everyone has a better understanding of where that stands.

**Mr. Sisak:** Thank you for that clarification because I was under the understanding that we were not sending out letters at all, but if it only going to Tallmadge residents, I guess that is . . . do other municipalities do the same and not notify our residents?

**Dir. of Law:** That is correct and in fact many municipalities that we reviewed do not even provide the notice to those within the 500'. They would post it on their agendas. We are maintaining that we would keep the notice within 500' to our residents, but if there is a border with Akron or you know any of the other border communities that our constituency is not those folks; our constituency are our residents.

**Mr. Sisak:** I guess though the only problem would be with if you have, which we already do have, adult entertainment and things like that off of Brittain Road. You know if they wanted to extend that further north towards Barney's Busy Corners or something of that nature; do you think that we would probably want to know, maybe our residents would want to know that as well.

**Dir. of Law:** Right, but we don't control what the City of Akron does. The City of Akron already does not provide us that notification.

**Mr. Loughry:** I agree with Chris. I think that our population is older than most communities and I think that they would like us to continue to have signage so that they can visually see it as they are driving or as everyone is driving by that something is going on. I understand the concern with the overlay. Maybe something can be done there. But, whether or not another community is treating us with respect or not, I don't think it should impact the way we behave. I think that we would continue to be good municipal neighbors especially with Brimfield and the JEDD, but with everyone we abut, if we let everyone know within 500' of a project that we were doing something. I think that is just being a good neighbor. If I lived on a property line with Munroe Falls, I would not continue to be a good neighbor with that person if he was my neighbor.

**Mayor:** Mr. Chairman, we do have a work session on this whole topic, and we did ask for input on Brittain, and we did receive quite a few folks asking us questions. I do like your comments. As Megan stated, we still make that public notice to our residents and it doesn't happen too often, but if Council wants to consider still keeping that section of the Code, it is not a big deal and during that work session, when we get to that section of the Code, I'm sure we will have other tweaks and we would be happy to tweak it at that time. It is like the R-6.

**Mr. Sisak:** Great. Any other additional items or discussion regarding that?

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**Mr. Grimm:** Just a clarification; I think it is good that we discuss the matters as we are going along versus trying to digest the whole Code at one time. Obviously, I look at things and I want to make sure that things are very open, very clear to people in the community and I think Dennis is the same way. I am just bringing this up so we can have just a quick discussion on it and at least the Administration knows what direction some of the members of Council feel moving forward. That's all.

**Mr. Sisak:** Are there any other items before the Planning & Zoning Committee? No one responded. Hearing none, I will close committee.

**b. Finance**

Craig Sisak, Chair

James Donovan, Vice Chair

**i. Third readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. Ord. 52-2021** – An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$8,000,000, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing, equipping, furnishing, and otherwise improving a new municipal fire station and improving the site thereof, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto; and providing for immediate effect.

**Mr. Sisak:** I call the Finance Committee to order. We currently have Ord. 52-2021. Ord. 52-2021 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway made a motion for the adoption of Ord. 52-2021. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 52-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

- B. Ord. 53-2021** – An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of paying costs improving the intersection of East Avenue and Washburn Road by constructing, reconstructing, widening, improving, grading, paving, curbing, constructing sidewalks, installing storm sewers and related drainage facilities, acquiring and installing traffic control devices and signals, acquiring all necessary real estate and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council, all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto; and providing for immediate effect.

**Mr. Sisak:** We have Ord. 53-2021. Ord. 53-2021 was read into the record. Mr. Grimm moved for the adoption of Ord. 53-2021. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 53-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

**ii. Second readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. Ord. 55-2021 – Amended – Ex. A – Ex. A Tracked** – Amending Ord. 64-2020 to revise the tournament maintenance fee and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We have Ord. 55-2021. Ord. 55-2021 was read into the record. Mr. Loughry moved for the adoption of Ord. 55-2021. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas - yes, Mr. Grimm - no, Mrs. Kilway - yes, Mr. Loughry – yes, Mr. Sisak - yes, Mrs. Allman – yes. **Ord. 55-2021 is adopted by a vote of 5-1.**

- B. Ord. 56-2021 – Exhibit A** – Expressing intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit equipment, miscellaneous tools, vehicles, and vehicle accessories by Edinburg auction in calendar year 2021 and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We have Ord. 56-2021 before us. Ord. 56-2021 was read into the record. Mr. Grimm moved for the adoption of Ord. 56-2021. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 56-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

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iii. **First readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

**A. Ord. 59-2021** – Authorizing the appropriation and advance of money for purposes of the East Avenue/Washburn Road Intersection Improvement Project and providing for immediate enactment

**Mr. Sisak:** Next we have Ord. 59-2021. Ord. 59-2021 was read into the record.

Mr. Loughry moved for the adoption of Ord. 59-2021. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm – unanimous. **Ord. 59-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

**B. Ord. 60-2021** – Authorizing the Mayor to exceed a contract with Karvo Companies in excess of ten percent (10%) to award the first and second alternate bids for paving, appropriating additional amounts and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We also have Ord. 60-2021 at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Ord. 60-2021 was read into the record.

Mr. Grimm moved for the adoption of Ord. 60-2021. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 60-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

**C. Ord. 62-2021** – Authorizing the Mayor to receive funding from the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation Community Development Matching Grant Fund for demolition and authorizing the Mayor to enter into all necessary agreements, appropriating funds and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** Next we have Ord. 62-2021. I guess a point of order for Megan, I mean do we have to have Susan read it into the record three times. I know these are 1<sup>st</sup> Readings, but . . .

**Dir. of Law:** It is just that historically we have had her read the ordinances into the official record, so it doesn't have to be read by her; it could be read by other people, but actually I think there is something in the rules that says that the Clerk reads it into the record unless she is not there.

**Mr. Sisak:** I am fine with that.

**Dir. of Law:** I can double-check that.

**Mr. Sisak:** The other thing would be just to have it read into the record the first time at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and then . . .

**Dir. of Law:** We always want to read it into the record. It used to be we read the entire ordinance into the record every time. We have kind of trimmed that back, but it is just kind of like the public reading of it into the record, so we do want to read in the title, and I think that is what the rules provide for.

**Mr. Sisak:** OK, I just want to make sure that I am in the right church in the right pew. Ord. 62-2021 was read into the record.

Mr. Loughry moved for the adoption of Ord. 62-2021. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 62-2021 is adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

iv. **Additional Items** – None.

**Mr. Sisak:** I will go ahead and close committee.

c. **Personnel**

Christopher Grimm, Chair

Rebecca Allman, Vice Chair

**Mr. Grimm:** I call the Personnel Committee to order. We have no legislation before us at this time.

**Mr. Bollas:** I just had a question based on the Governor's announcement yesterday. Does that change affect any of our personnel needs whether that be Parks and Rec or in the Administrative services or any services for that matter. I was trying to understand. I know it is kind of early to maybe know that yet, but I just wanted to ask.

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**Mayor:** Well, we are constantly working on the employment at the parks. As you know, we hire part-time folks for Maca Pool and then the Rec Center also. The difficulty not only with the City of Tallmadge, but across the Tallmadge business sector and really across Ohio, it is very difficult for people to apply for these jobs. We have an opening that was posted and closed today for a part-time general laborer down at the Street Department and we had one application. We make phone calls, we advertise it, we talk to the different journals, different trades trying to get people to come in. A nice thing that I just heard today is the bonus unemployment was going to end in September and I think, and I can't confirm this, but they are announcing that it is ending immediately because of the labor force; people don't want to come to work. Every business that Matt goes to, the biggest problem is trying to get people to come in and hire. I can get anybody a job at different sectors in town if they want to come to work and be drug-free of course. It is very difficult, and we are experiencing this also, which I also wanted to bring up and I will touch briefly on this but are the part-time firefighters.

There are some full-time jobs opening up and the part-time firefighters are applying for those jobs and they are getting hired at different locations. We are getting down on our part-time staff and we are right now advertising for applications to join the part-time fire department and that is just going to be posted next week.

We are also doing a full-time test just so we have a list out there for full-time employment in the Fire Department, but it is difficult. In the City of Akron, all the part-time employees working for us as part-time, and Akron has authorized almost unlimited overtime, so they are not going to come here and work part-time; they are staying at their full-time working hours for the City of Akron and that is across the board. It is very concerning. I know Dr. Cooper and Chief Passarelli and Ben Stasik are meeting a couple times a week to figure out how to handle the employment of the Fire Department and so we will keep Council abreast of that.

**Mr. Grimm:** Is there anything else for Personnel? Hearing none, I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

d. **Community Issues**

Dennis Loughry, Chair

Jonathon Bollas, Vice Chair

**Mr. Loughry:** I call the Community Issues Committee to order.

**Mr. Bollas:** just wanted to thank Service Director Rorar for his help on some devil strip work. The resident was very appreciative and so I just wanted to echo that again. Secondly, I just wanted to bring up that Ord. 61-2021 in Public Service; that came about as a community issue over a year ago when I got the initial phone call for flooding concerns out there. I have been working with the Service Director on that for quite a while and helping play phone tag with the residents and going out there and visiting and walking the property and it is supported and the residents are very thankful that we are looking into that and trying to provide support for the water issues they have out there.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

**Mr. Loughry:** Anything else? Hearing none, I will close committee.

e. **Safety**

Jonathon Bollas, Chair

Christopher Grimm, Vice Chair

**Mr. Bollas:** I call the Safety Committee to order. We have no legislation at this time.

**Mr. Bollas:** In honor of National Police Week, I just wanted to thank the City for flying the flags on the Circle. I think that is great and just thanking all of our law enforcement for all that they are doing for us.

Secondly, we had a Tallmadge resident, Mr. Dreus who had helped to provide food for the firefighters and collecting food and donations and things like that and I just wanted to say thank you to Mr. Dreus for that.

Lastly, I am excited for Safety School applications. I got excited about that enrollment this year and so I just wanted to make a shout out for that as well if anyone is interested in getting their kids in Safety School.

VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING

in Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

May 13,

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i. **Additional Items:** None.

**Mr. Bollas:** Anything else for Safety Committee this evening. Hearing none, I close committee.

f. **Public Service**

Rebecca Allman, Chair

Dennis Loughry, Vice Chair

i. **First readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

A. **Ord. 57-2021 – P.H. on 6-10-21 @ 7:03 p.m.** – Vacating the entry island (block A) at Bentley Place Boulevard that is not needed for municipal purposes.

**Mrs. Allman:** We have Ord. 57-2021 before us. Ord. 57-2021 was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: **Ord. 57-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee and there is a public hearing on this on 6-10-21 @ 7:03 p.m.**

B. **Ord. 58-2021 – P.H. on 6-10-21 @ 7:06 p.m.** – Vacating 0.0879 acres of Treat Blvd. that is not needed for municipal right-of-way, retaining the utility easements, and dedicating a portion of parcel number 6000980 and the whole of parcel number 6000981, totaling 0.0974 acres for right-of-way.

**Mr. Allman:** Next we have Ord. 58-2021. Ord. 58-2021 was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: **Ord. 58-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee and there is a public hearing scheduled for 6-10-21 at 7:06 p.m.**

C. **Ord. 61-2021 – Ex. 1 – Ex. 2 – Ex. 3 – Ex. 4** – Authorizing the creation and acceptance of an access easement at 221 Hanna Drive and drainage easements at 221 Hanna Drive, 245 Hanna Drive, and 278 Washburn Road and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mrs. Allman:** Next is Ord. 61-2021. Ord. 61-2021 was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: **Ord. 61-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee.**

D. **Ord. 63-2021** – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with United Survey Inc. for CCTV inspection and cleaning consulting services related to City sewers and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mrs. Allman:** The final ordinance is Ord. 63-2021. Ord. 63-2021 was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: **Ord. 63-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee.**

i. **Additional Items:** None.

11. **Reports of Special Committees:** None.

12. **Announcements:** None.

13. **Adjournment:** Mr. Loughry moved to adjourn. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr., Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **The Virtual Regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.**

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Adopted:

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Susan E. Burton, Clerk of Council

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Carol A. Kilway, President of Council