

## COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President of Council Kilway called the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, July 8, 2021, to order at 7:03 p.m. Public input is invited at the beginning of the meeting to discuss an item that is not on the agenda, during a public hearing, or in Council Committee reports to discuss an agenda item. So please wait until you are recognized by the Chair and state your name and address so that your comments may be properly recorded and limit your remarks to a period of two (2) minutes or less. It is appreciated that anyone wishing to address Council register with the Clerk of Council or through the on-line form by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. This is not necessary; it is just appreciated.
2. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Allman, 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 absent, and Mr. Bollas was excused.
4. **CORRECTING AND ADOPTING THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** 6-24-21 Virtual Regular Council Meeting minutes. Mr. Sisak moved to adopt the 6-24-21 minutes. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The Regular Meeting minutes of the 6-24-21 meeting were adopted by a vote of 5-0.**
5. **Financial Reports:**

- **Fire & EMS Fund Transfer in the amount of \$65,000 to Council on 6-30-21.**
- **Bond Retirement Transfer in the amount of \$100,000 to Council on 6-30-21.**
- **Street Maintenance & Repair Transfer in the amount of \$175,000 to Council on 6-30-21.**
- **Police Pension Transfer in the amount of \$70,000 to Council on 6-30-21.**
- **Appropriation Report, Fund Report and Revenue Report for the period ending 6-30-21 to Council on 7-7-21.**
- **June Financial Reports to Council on 7-7-21.**
- **Tallmadge Recreation Center Profit and Loss Report for the period ending 6-30-21 to Council on 7-7-21.**
- **Income Tax Comparisons for the period ending 6-30-21 to Council on 7-7-21.**
- **Revenue Comparisons for the period ending 6-30-21 to Council on 7-7-21.**
- **Consolidated Investment Portfolio for the period ending 6-30-21 to Council on 7-7-21.**

Mr. Sisak moved to accept the Financial Reports submitted by Dir. of Finance Gilbride. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The Financial Reports have been accepted by a vote of 5-0.**

6. **Public Hearings:** None.
7. **Community Input:** This is the time when anyone from the community can come up and please state your name and address and address Council for a few minutes.  
**Tom Headrick, 1143 Beechwood Drive, Tallmadge.** I am just here tonight on behalf of Tallmadge Little League. I know you guys are having discussions about the Dunbar property. We are going to need ball fields here in Tallmadge. With the addition of the Ripley Development; we will be adding anywhere from 100 to 120 kids next year alone. That will bring us over 600 kids in Little League. If anybody has any questions for me, I will be happy to hear them and if not, from the Little League Board to you guys, we highly encourage you to do whatever you can do to get that.  
**Mike Passarelli, 85 W. Overdale Drive, Tallmadge.** As you saw, as you entered, our latest acquisition in the Fire Department is this 100' Midmount Aerial. It was delivered yesterday, and it is far from in-service. We have, more importantly, a lot of training to do with it. This is a departure from what we have had in the past and it is a very expensive piece and I need everybody to know the function of it; all the firemen; top to bottom. So, it won't be in service for probably two months. I would really like to thank the residents that supported us with their vote in November. We turned soil today for the second piece that is coming from this, and I would like to thank Council for supporting us with what we are doing and the direction that we are going with the Fire Department. Administration; I would like to thank them. This is a piece of equipment that lasts 25 years or more in some cases and the last one is I believe 27 years old. That being said, to spec a piece of equipment with this complexity is very, very difficult.

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**Chief Passarelli (Cont'd.)** We put together a team of people that wanted on the team and were very passionate about it, but there was one individual that stood out and that piece is probably one of the best aerials, mid-mount aerials that Pierce has built. But Nick Sampson; Nick is sitting in the audience here with us helped to put every little line; all 300 and some lines; he almost knows by heart. He researched it and he looked at probably every truck that has been built in the last three years and why they did the things they did. Chief Passarelli read the letter of commendation into the record.

8. **Agenda Additions:** None.

9. **Reports of Administrative Officers:**

a. **Mayor/Director of Safety**

- The **brand-new fire truck** was just delivered.
- **Fire hydrant painting.** Family members are out there painting fire hydrants.
- Some of you were at the **groundbreaking ceremony at the Fire Station** and so thank you for those of you who were there. We do have a shovel for any Councilperson who was not there.
- You heard Mr. Headrick talk about the **Dunbar School**. It is not on my report, but I will give you some information. The auction is a public auction. There are two votes that are very interesting and close to the appraised price. They don't have to accept any of those offers. It is just the process that they must go through.

I have had several conversations with Steve Wood. They do not have to accept any of the proposals. It is just the process that they have to go through, but he said, "Dave, if I have an offer that is too good to turn down for the taxpayers of the school district; how can I turn around and let the City have it?" Unless we match that price.

I did talk to the folks that are going after the property; strongly going after it. I did say I wanted to go after it for the park purposes and they said that they would make sure that it will be maintained as a park as long as they have it. That is one of the largest property owners in that region and so with that, I did not ask for an Executive Session to put a public bid on it, but I will say that the demolition of the building; the appraised price to demo it with the asbestos is approaching \$500,000. The property is going for \$1.2 million. So, I think this is going to be a very high auction. If they don't like the bids that they have, and it is a low number; they do not have to accept it nor do they want to. They would rather give it to the City for a price, but they also have to be representatives of their tax dollars for their folks. I just wanted to give you that update.

**Mr. Grimm:** That property is zoned residential? So, whoever buys it is going to buy a former school building on a residential property and they will have to come back for zoning for it?

**Mayor:** If they are going to use it for existing housing, they will have to go back to Planning and Zoning and Council. The church: I'm not sure, but that property may become available someday.

**Dir. of Law:** Mr. Grimm, I think they would also be able to continue to use it as the conditionally zoned school purpose as well.

**Mr. Grimm:** I was saying two weeks ago that to acquire 8 acres of land without going to an eminent domain in this City is really rare. I mean, our community and Green was blessed with a lot of open space and Hudson had a lot of open space and large lots and so forth and we have that in Lions Park, but we don't have anything on the southern portion over in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward of our community and there is really not a whole lot in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward once you get near the site of old 18. So, I think it is a good deal for the City. It is small; that is the only kick to it. You would have to wait until the church came up with something to make that into a really nice community park, but for a neighborhood park, it is a good thing. Maybe down the road we will find some land over off of Newton Street by the expressway that we could pick up. There are some huge lots over there. I think recreation; we really need to do something as far as . . . when you were in Little League, you knew as well as anybody else; we really lack that.

**Mayor:** In talking to the potential buyer of that property they concur that it would be nice to have a park there.

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**Mr. Loughry:** I agree with everything that Chris said. You know in the Comprehensive Plan, we called out having a park in that part of the City for 30 years now. But I think one of the things that we could do a better job of through our Recreation Department and then just us as residents is we could do a better job of taking ownership of our Metro Parks and we are already using tax dollars for that. The 4<sup>th</sup> Ward abuts Goodyear Metro Parks with its own entrance. So, I think that we have open space, it's just not necessarily open space that we own, but we are paying taxes to have the right to use that space.

### **Director of Administration**

Good evening everyone. I have no specific report, but I am happy to answer any questions.

**Mayor:** There were quite a few items on the agenda that I was going to ask for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading adoption that were part of the East Avenue Improvement Project that Mollie needs some financing for. We have Ord. 87 and Ord. 88-2021 that are for the accepting of the plat for Phase II and Phase III of the Ripley Farm and we need six Council people to adopt that. They want to record it so they can start selling the lots and so I am going to ask Council if they would consider or request them to do a Special Council meeting so we can at least get . . . because you guys don't meet again for a month. We really need some of these finance things done to get moving along, so if we could look at a Special Council meeting the first of next week.

**Mr. Loughry:** So, are you looking at the 15<sup>th</sup>? Is that what we are looking at?

**Pres. of Council:** We can look at the 15<sup>th</sup>. Is it fine with everybody else? So, just a straw poll right now for Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **c. Director of Public Service**

- The month of June, the **Zoning Department** had 236 total permits; 212 of which were street openings and that's mostly because of the Tallmadge Reserve Development that is going on.
- A **Code update**, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, no I mean July 29<sup>th</sup> there is a Special meeting at 6:00 p.m. and that is for the review and recommendation of Council.
- **Cemetery** had 7 total burials all of which were cremains.  
I would like to mention that we had a bench donated by Mrs. Yacobucci for the columbarium and it was a nice donation.
- For the **Rec Department** for the month, membership you can see was at 6,098 and that number is still down from 2019. Visits were at 10,294 and that is up however we are still down from 2019 by about 12%.
- We hosted our first ever **E-Sports Tournament**.
- We are working on **moving the aerobics equipment back** into the fitness area and are preparing to move the classes back in as soon as that equipment is in there.
- We are bringing back the Program Guide for the Fall of 2021 and the Winter of 2021. We haven't had a program in over a year.
- **Annual maintenance shutdown is in August** and at that same time we will recoat the basketball courts.
- The **Parks:** the stall partitions for the restrooms at Lions Park have been replaced. They were metal and they were vandalized back in February.  
The **park playground at Kent Drive** is closed at this time. The gravel surface as well as the framing has been removed. It is scheduled to be replaced on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Maca memberships** are up to 1,866. We had 750 people in attendance on July 5<sup>th</sup> and that has been the busiest day so far. The folks that are going are loving the fact that it is membership only.
- Just to mention, the **Tallmadge Marlins** are coming to an end. July 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are the final meets and then the championships are on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- This is the **E-gaming**. This was our first tournament. It is the hottest thing going on right now and they are actually giving scholarships out at the High School. I would like to commend the Rec Department for thinking outside the box.

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- **Music on the Circle**; as you can see on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Diamond Project and so this will be a week of concerts. Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> is the next one.
- Summer Projects: **annual pavement marking** is complete. That was Radar Line and that is a Tallmadge outfit, and they did a great job and I want to ask if anybody got any complaints because we did it at night this year. I have to be honest; we didn't get any phone calls and so I am just curious if we should continue to do that in the future or not.
- The annual **concrete sidewalk project** was done and that was done by Cement Tech, and they did a nice job.
- The **annual asphalt paving program**: they were doing a nice job, but we can't get those manholes replaced. I feel embarrassed by it, and I am on the contractor, who is Karvo, and I have been on them every day for the last two weeks and I get the same story from them. Next week; next week.
- The **Washburn/East Avenue Intersection Improvement**; that starts July 26<sup>th</sup> and that was awarded to Lockhart.
- In the **Street Department**, these are all ditches that they have been redoing and they did it all month and the interesting thing is that they did over 1,300 feet of ditching; they did almost over 10,000 feet last year over the course of the year. They have also replaced 9 culverts in the month and replaced 3 catch basins and they jetted 3 culverts.
- The **Beechwood Waterline Loop**: East Avenue is to the north and Maca Park is to the south and then what you see there is the waterlines are in blue and the Maca Park neighborhood is a dead-end line and that is the important thing that that area that Dave just circled is the second connector into that and so the dead end line; anybody who has a waterline break up near East Avenue; that will kill the water to 90 houses. They fused 320 feet of pipe together; you can see it there.

**Mr. Sisak:** I guess I have a question. So, our rubbish carrier; Kimble, I guess I'm not as concerned with the problematic pickups that I am hearing about; I am more concerned about what our residents are being told.

**Dir. of Pub. Service:** What I would recommend is that they call the Service Department.

d. **Dir. of Econ. Development**

Thank you. I will be brief, but we do have some good news to share this evening. If you haven't noticed as you drive past the former Waltco on Northeast Avenue, it has sold and so the Mayor and I have been calling on JetPack Shipping for probably just over a year now. We just continued to work with them and finally they were able to sign and execute the deal. **So, JetPack will be bringing in 141 full-time jobs with about a \$2.5 million annual payroll to start out.** They look to have some pretty rapid growth in the short term and so they are looking to add about 60 additional full-time positions to get up near 200 later this year and early into next year.

It is about a \$4 million annual payroll once they add those new positions and so in total, they have about \$3.2 million that they are investing into this site and so it is great news for the city. They are a vitamin nutrient fulfillment and distribution center. So that is what JetPack does. Right next door to Speelman Electric, as the Mayor is highlighting on the screen, it is good to see these industrial facilities being repurposed. We continue to work with some of the area property owners that also have their sights on the market, and we would love to continue to find end users.

**Mayor:** Just for the record, the parking lot issue falls on my shoulders. I worked with Waltco for a long time trying to get them to stay at the Waltco location and they needed to get off the other side of the road. I let them move onto that with a promise that they were going to asphalt that. They did pay for the installation of the gravel, and they paid for the detention area, but the \$130,000 of asphalt that they said they would do and then they get up and leave and as soon as the building is sold, they would pay that price and so that is where we are at right now.

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e. **Director of Finance**

Good evening. Everybody should have received their **June Financial Reports**. As of now, everything seems to be running well. Everything is within budget.

I did want to update Council that they did pass their **budget bill** allowing for the 2020 refunds for anybody working at home when their employer was withholding from the place of business. Employers are not required to change that policy until 2022. Those items are being played through court right now. We only have 5 refund requests at about \$5,500 and so hopefully that is a sign of where we are at and that is not going to be a major worry for us, but I will keep an eye on all of that.

Finally, I wanted to update Council that the **State also passed legislation for the distribution of the ARPA Funds** to the non-entitlement units which are basically; we are one obviously, but any entity that is not eligible for CDBG and was not going to receive direct funding from the Federal Government for ARPA. Our allocation is just over \$1.8 million. We can expect about \$900,000 the first year and then a year later we will get the other \$900,000. That is all I have this evening and I will be glad to answer any questions.

**Pres. of Council:** I did have a question; as you had told us even a month ago, there were two companies that had huge, estimated tax payments and we kind of have to put those aside because they still could ask for potential refunds on that. Do we have a separate fund that we can put that money into?

**Dir. of Finance:** We currently do not. I will look into potentially doing something like that. I am hoping that those entities will file their final tax returns in October and so we will actually have a better idea of what the real liability for the year is and it may be something that works itself out within this year, but I

will look into what kind of options we would have to set some of those funds aside, so we are prepared to make refunds if we need to on those.

**Pres. of Council:** Because, and correct me if I am wrong, but they can go back is it 4 or 7 years on refunds?

**Mr. Loughry:** Mollie, this is going to be an absolute nightmare for businesses.

**Dir. of Finance:** Yes. 20 days, so once you have been working in a municipality for 20 days then your employer becomes obligated to withhold from the 21<sup>st</sup> day forward on that the employer would have supposed to be keeping track of when they are working in Akron and when they are working at home and somehow separate out those wages on a paycheck.

f. **Director of Law**

Thank you. My only report is that the 12 - U's have won their game 7-1. They play again on Saturday.

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

a. **Planning and Zoning**

James Donovan, Chair

Craig Sisak, Vice Chair

i. **Second Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

**A. Ord. 73-2021 – P&Z Rec. Rejection 5-0 – Amended** – Approving and granting a conditional zoning certificate for special nonresidential development for a mixed use of single-family dwelling, agricultural use to keep small livestock (ungulates, poultry, and fowl), apiculture, crop harvesting with onsite sales/market space (agro-tourism farm) and (outdoor) photography services at 551 Northeast Avenue (PN 6005248).

**Mr. Sisak:** I call the Planning & Zoning Committee to order. We have Ord. 73-2021 before us at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Ord. 73-2021 was read into the record. It was rejected by Planning & Zoning Commission. The applicant today via e-mail requested withdrawal of this ordinance so I will entertain a motion to withdraw Ord. 73-2021 at this time.

**Mr. Loughry:** So, moved. Seconded Mr. Grimm.

**Mr. Loughry:** I thought that if something went to Planning & Zoning and they went through the process, and it was rejected, and they chose not to withdraw then the time constraints whatever they are in our Code were in place.

**Dir. of Law:** So that is only after Council takes action.

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**Mr. Loughry:** So that is why he chose to withdraw now is so he can come back within a different timeframe or whatever?

**Dir. of Law:** He could potentially do that. In the discussion that he had with Helene today, I believe that he is planning on going with a smaller sized outbuilding which he is permitted to do under the current Code and having a few animals not rising to the level of having a “farm” which he is permitted to do under the current Code and so I believe that is the direction that he intends to go.

**Mayor:** I agree with Dennis and Chris on this that I think by sending the message to . . . the residents are not going to be happy with the result because they do not want the chickens or the rooster in the back yard. That is the bottom line.

**Mr. Grimm:** Mr. Sisak, I am going to withdraw my second on that motion to withdraw.

**Mayor:** It must be amended.

**Dir. of Law:** You do need to amend it.

**Mr. Grimm:** That’s fine. I am just going to withdraw my second and if somebody else wants to do it . . .

**Mr. Loughry:** So, I can just amend my motion . . . so I want to withdraw the motion to withdraw, and I want to make the motion to reject.

**Dir. of Law:** No, to amend. You are amending it tonight and it will be at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, and you cannot terminate this one other than to do a withdrawal which you decided you are not going to do, so you can only amend tonight, and we would ask that you amend it so that it incorporates the recommendation of Planning & Zoning. Right now, there is no motion on the floor about the withdrawal. There is only on the floor to amend and that needs a second.

**Mr. Grimm:** Mr. Sisak, I make a motion to amend . . .

**Mr. Sisak:** We need a second.

**Mr. Loughry:** I will make a second.

**Mr. Sisak:** OK, so we have a motion to amend and a second for Ord. 73-2021. I agree that probably just rejecting it and just taking it down its proper course is the best thing to do. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Grimm – unanimous. **So that ordinance goes back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by a vote of 5-0.**

**B. Ord. 75-2021 – P&Z Rec. Approval 5-0 – Amended –** Approving and granting a conditional zoning certificate to applicant Ken Stuursma/Tru North Deck on behalf of the owner Eric Taiclet for a building materials store with outside display not totally enclosed to be located at 1377 Southeast Avenue.

**Mr. Sisak:** We have Ord. 75-2021, and it is also an amended version. Ord. 75-2021 was read into the record. I will need a motion to amend this.

**Mr. Grimm:** Motion made. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 75-2021 is amended by a vote of 5-0.**

ii. **First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

**A. Ord. 87-2021 –** Accepting the dedication of streets within the Tallmadge Reserve Phase II Subdivision for public purposes; setting performance and maintenance guarantees therefore and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** Next we have Ord. 87-2021. Ord. 87-2021 was read into the record. Ord. 87-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

**B. Ord. 88-2021 –** Accepting the dedication of streets within the Tallmadge Reserve Phase III Subdivision for public purposes; setting performance and maintenance guarantees therefore and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We also have Ord. 88-2021. Ord. 88-2021 was read into the record. Again, Ord. 88-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

iii. **Additional Items:** None.

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**Mr. Sisak:** Is there anything else to come before Planning & Zoning this evening. I would like to say that the presentation the other evening was excellent so thank you to OHM and the Administration for putting that together. If there is nothing else, I will go ahead and close committee.

**b. Finance**

Craig Sisak, Chair

James Donovan, Vice Chair

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

**A. Ord. 72-2021** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with East End Welding, LP for a New Jobs Program Grant pursuant to T.C.O. 160.05 and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** I call the Finance Committee to order. We have Ord. 72-2021 before us at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Ord. 72-2021 was read into the record. Can I get a motion on this?

**Mr. Grimm:** I will move to adopt. Seconded Pres. of Council. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 72-2021 is adopted by a vote of 5-0.**

**ii. First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

**A. Ord 80-2021** – Authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation Transitional Work Grant Program and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We have Ord. 80-2021. Ord. 80-2021 was read into the record. Ord. 80-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Finance Committee.

**B. Ord. 81-2021** – 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:** We also have Ord. 81-2021. Ord. 81-2021 was read into the record. Ord. 81-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and will be assigned to the Finance Committee.

**C. Ord. 84-2021** – Appropriating additional amounts and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Sisak:** We also have Ord. 84-2021. Ord. 84-2021 was read into the record. That is about as vague as you can get, but we will leave that at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and assign it to the Finance Committee.

**Mayor:** We will just leave that at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and let it go on. There is a public hearing on this, and this is about the reception person at City Hall. It has really been working out extremely well having a person out front there for the people coming in. This is the finance portion of it. Councilman Grimm has his portion of it in amending the grid for that, but we are just asking for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**Mr. Sisak:** Do you anticipate doing any type of remodel or any type of like long term . . .

**Mayor:** We want to put some more permanent seating in there.

**Dir. of Administration:** We are looking at different options.

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

**iii. Additional Items:** None.

**c. Personnel**

Christopher Grimm, Chair

Rebecca Allman, Vice Chair

**i. First Readings of Resolution and Ordinances**

**A. Ord. 83-2021 – P.H. ON 8-26-21 @ 7:03 P.M.** - Establishing the number of non-collective bargaining employees by department and position pursuant to R.C. 731.08 and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mr. Grimm:** I call the Personnel Committee together. We have Ord. 83-2021. Ord. 83-2021 was read into the record. This is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Personnel Committee.

**Pres. of Council:** Mr. Grimm; did you set the public hearing for this?

**Mr. Grimm:** I will set a public hearing for August 26, 2021, at 7:03 p.m. Is there anything else before Personnel?

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**Dir. of Law:** Mr. Grimm, I would just also like to note that that ordinance did go in front of Civil Service Commission at their meeting on Wednesday and they did recommend approval to Council for that.

**ii. Additional Items:** None.

**d. Community Issues**

Dennis Loughry, Chair

Jonathon Bollas, Vice Chair

**Mr. Loughry:** I call Community Issues to order. We have no legislation before us. We had a long discussion at our last meeting. Does anyone have anything they want to speak about?

**Mr. Sisak:** We talked about the basketball courts at Lions Park, so thank you to the Service Director for that.

**i. Additional Items:**

**Mr. Loughry:** The pickleball players play all over; they play 5, 6 times a week; 2 to 3 times a day, but the good pickleball players in the area are loving our outdoor courts. So, thanks again.

**Mr. Grimm:** About two months ago we all received an e-mail pertaining to Howe Road Park with the latest redesign of that park. I have not heard a word since then. What is the status of that?

**Dir. of Pub. Service:** They should be about done with surveying that whole property so you can have that survey ready to go for that next step which would be the plans of whether it is the restrooms or whether it is the dog park or whatever and that survey should be complete.

**Mr. Grimm:** What is our plan. Are we going to put that in our 2022 Budget?

**Dir. of Pub. Service:** A portion of it; correct.

There was further discussion regarding Howe Road Park.

**Dir. of Finance:** I will just assure you that the 5-year Capital Budget that was submitted by the Rec Department submitted considerable improvements to that park to the plan and it is very costly. I know that they are planning over the next probably 2-3 years to make most of the improvements. Is that a true statement?

**Dir. of Pub. Service:** That is correct.

**Mr. Loughry:** I know we had a young boy get hit on his bike on Northeast Avenue and that accident was no way related to this other than the location. But there are blind spots when you are trying to get onto Northeast Avenue up there by Locust and Atwood and those cars coming from Kent are going much faster than 35 mph and I wondered if the next time we look at doing something with the roads if we could flatten that rise out a little bit.

**Mayor:** Keep in mind that the Akron Water force main is 5' below ground at that point. You have two main trunks coming right down the center of that road. You really can't lower the culvert pipe to go through it, otherwise you would have a sprinkler in his front yard.

**Mr. Loughry:** Is there anything else the committee? I close committee.

**e. Safety**

Jonathon Bollas, Chair

Christopher Grimm, Vice Chair

**Mr. Grimm:** I call the Safety Committee together. Do we have anything this evening. We have no legislation. End of committee.

**i. Additional Items:** None.

**f. Public Service**

Rebecca Allman, Chair

Dennis Loughry, Vice Chair

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

**A. Ord. 71-2021** – Providing for the submission to the electors of the city various amendments to the City Charter as proposed by the Charter Review Commission and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mrs. Allman:** I call the Public Service Committee to order, and we have before us at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ord. 71-2021. Ord. 71-2021 was read into the record.

**Mayor:** This is at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and you can adopt that.

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**Dir. of Law:** After this gets passed, it goes to the Board of Elections, and they will review it and then it is sent to the Secretary of State's office for any necessary tweaks to the language so it is all approved and then it will go to the electorate, and we will have plenty of time to get it on the ballot.

**Pres. of Council:** I would like to make a motion to adopt Ord. 71-2021. Seconded Mr. Sisak

**Mr. Loughry:** There was discussion regarding political appointments for the Charter Review Commission.

**Mrs. Allman:** Any other discussion? Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 71-2021 is adopted by a vote of 5-0.**

### ii. First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances

**A. Ord. 82-2021** – Accepting Parcel 6001970, Track 12 Lot 1 170 x 5ft strip west of Lisann Street for right-of-way purposes from Gironda V Bros Inc and providing for immediate enactment.

**Mayor:** Madame Chair, just to show you; Laurann and Lisann; this little strip of property right there is owned by the Gironda family. His wife is trying to clean up a lot of these oddities that were out there and this is one that she wanted to clean up and it is giving that to the City of Tallmadge as long as we do the paperwork and put everything through. You can see the right-of-way corner here but for some reason this little strip was installed there and so what this ordinance does is turns that into public right-of-way.

**Mrs. Allman:** Next at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading we have Ord. 82-2021. Ord. 82-2021 was read into the record. Ord. 82-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

**B. Ord. 85-2021** – Repealing and replacing Tallmadge Codified Ordinance Part Eleven – Planning & Zoning Code.

**Mrs. Allman:** Next we have Ord. 85-2021. Ord. 85-2021 was read into the record.

**Dir. of Law:** We will be looking at 3 readings for this and this is a companion with the other one that comes next as well. So that when we get it to Planning & Zoning and they make that recommendation to you; that will be the most final version as possible.

Now again, like I said at the Work Session, we would not be realistic to think that there is not going to be additional things that we are not going to pick up on; it is such a big undertaking.

**Mr. Grimm:** Why don't you pick a time next week when Dennis is available, and I will make myself available and we will go back over that R-6 one more time.

**Mrs. Allman:** Ord. 85-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee.

**C. Ord. 86-2021 – Ex. A – Tracked Ex. A – Ex. B – Tracked Ex. B** – Relocating and renumbering Tallmadge Codified Ordinance Chapter 1192 Management, Administration and Control of the use of the City's Public Rights-of-Way to Chapter 961 and Chapter 1196 Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control to Chapter 971 in Part Nine – Streets, Utilities and Public Service Code.

**Mrs. Allman:** Next we have Ord. 86-2021. Ord. 86-2021 was read into the record.

**Dir. of Law:** So, this is just going hand in hand with the Chapter 11 rewrite.

**Mrs. Allman:** Ord. 86-2021 is at 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and is assigned to the Public Service Committee. Is there anything else for the Public Service Committee? I close committee.

### iii. Additional Items: None.

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

12. **Announcements:**

**Pres. of Council:** I texted him and I got a hold of Jonathon as well. They are both OK for Thursday's meeting on 7-15-21 @ 6:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers and according to my tally just now, we should have all Council members in attendance.

**Mr. Loughry:** Do we need to have a motion and everything?

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**Dir. of Law:** Since you need 3 people, you might as well go ahead and take a vote on it and then you can just set it. You technically don't have to do that for a Special Meeting, but you might as well since you are all here and go ahead and put it on the record.

**Mr. Grimm:** I make a motion that we have a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, July 15 @ 6:00 p.m. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Grimm, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The motion has passed by a vote of 5-0.**

13. **Adjournment:** Mr. Grimm moved to adjourn. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Voice vote 5-0. **The Council Meeting of 7-8-21 adjourned at 8:48 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