

**CITY OF MAYFIELD HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2021**

**Meeting held via Audio Conference due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.**

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Diane Snider.

**ROLL CALL:**            **PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Ballistrea (Council Chamber) Mr. Robert DeJohn (Council Chamber), Mrs. Donna Finney (Audio), Mr. Donald Manno (Audio), Mrs. Susan Sabetta (Council Chamber), Mrs. Diane M. Snider (Council Chamber), Mrs. Gayle Teresi (Audio)

**ABSENT:**    None.

Also Present (Council Chamber) were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Law Director Paul T. Murphy, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council Karen Fegan, City Engineer Daniel Gerson (Audio), and Deputy Clerk of Council Shanisha Lloyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mrs. Finney moved to suspend the reading of the Council Minutes for January 25, 2021 and approve as written, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. All in favor, motion carried. *Minutes approved.*

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mrs. Sabetta announced that the Chargin River Watershed Partnership will meet via Zoom at 4pm on February 25th.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Mayor DiCicco:** Mayor DiCicco stated that Chief Bittner announced that the Police Department will post "Lock It or Lose It" signs around the city. The campaign message is to remind residents to lock all automobile doors and to not leave keys or valuables in their car. Thieves are targeting neighborhoods, entering unlocked vehicles, and stealing items.

The Service Department has been busy during the winter season repairing potholes, trimming trees, and repairing mailboxes. A & S Animal Control is working very well for the City, they were contracted to handle the City's animal control services. The new weekly recycling program is also providing great service.

Chief Elliott reported half of our firefighters have been vaccinated with both doses of the vaccine. Firefighters/Paramedics are included in the 1A Health Care Provider group to receive the vaccine. The State of Ohio offered provisions to EMS/Paramedics to assist with inoculations during the public health emergency. Chief Elliott and staff members assisted the County Board of Health in inoculating Health Care Providers. The Mayor thanked Chief Elliott, and the firefighters for going above and beyond to protect and serve others.

Each year the Heritage Home Program sends postcards and letters to eligible homes in participating communities. This year, the mailing will begin mid-March through mid-May. Since the information sessions are planned as virtual events, the cards and letters will have a variety of dates for homeowners to join and learn about the Heritage Home Program.

The City Focus- State of the City will be in the mailboxes soon. This year's edition includes the 2020 yearend review from each department's perspective and a highlighted department goal for 2021.

**Law Director Murphy:** Mr. Murphy expressed that he did not have a formal report for this evening.

**Director of Finance Fegan:** Mrs. Fegan stated that she did not have a report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Building Committee: Mrs. Teresi had no report.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chair Ballistrea did not have a formal report to share, since the Committee did not meet.

Legislative Committee: Chair Finney had no report. President Snider requested arrangements be made for a Legislative Committee Meeting for Ordinances 2021-3, 2021-4, 2021-5, and 2021-9.

Public Works and Services Committee: Chair DeJohn shared that the Committee did not meet, therefore there was no report.

Recreation and Parks Committee: Chair Manno had no report.

Safety and Transportation Committee: Chair Sabetta had no report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mrs. Sabetta shared that the BZA will meet in the Council Chamber at 7pm on Tuesday, February 9, with several items on the Agenda.

Planning Commission: Chair Ballistrea did not have a report to share.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the State of Ohio has established guidelines for public gatherings. In an effort to keep residents, all members of the public, Council Representatives and other City employees safe during this time, the City of Mayfield Heights has closed the City Council meetings to public attendance. Because public participation and transparency are important values of the City, residents are invited to call in and listen to the meeting via audio. Additionally, questions and/or comments may have been submitted to Council Office by Noon, Monday, February 8, 2021 by emailing Karen Fegan.

Mrs. Snider stated that Finance Director Fegan had no questions or comments that were received.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1: A Resolution awarding a contract to RMH Concrete and Foundations, Inc., for the Marsol Road Underpass Improvements Project in accordance with the Bid Specifications, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only.

Mr. DeJohn moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mrs. Finney. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Teresi, Finney, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mr. DeJohn moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Finney. Mrs. Teresi questioned if the City received, or needed ODOT's approval for work pertaining to the bridge since it is a state bridge. Mr. Gerson replied by stating that ODOT has not indicated if a permit is needed as of yet, the team is waiting for a response. Mr. DeJohn shared that the \$150,000 grant was received for the project. The grant needs to be utilized by March 31. There will be additional costs for design (\$20,000), and for hourly inspection (\$15,000). Therefore, the project will total closer to \$285,000-\$295,000, however, the City will have the grant to assist with the cost. Roll Call on the motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Finney, Teresi, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled "Council" (Rules of Debate) by amending Section 121.02(J)". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Manno moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Teresi, Sabetta, Manno, DeJohn, Snider. NAYS: Finney, Ballistrea. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled "Council" (Committees) by amending Section 121.02(L)". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Teresi moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. DeJohn. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Teresi, Sabetta, DeJohn, Manno, Snider. NAYS: Ballistrea, Finney. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-5: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled "Council" (Reintroduction) by enacting Section 121.02(V)". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Sabetta moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Manno, Sabetta, Teresi, Snider. NAYS: Finney, Ballistrea. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6: "An Ordinance amending the zone map of the City of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, so as to rezone the property known as 6200 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, Cuyahoga County Permanent Parcel Numbers 863-05-059 and 863-07-133, from the current U-4; Local Retail and Wholesale District to U-5; Automotive District, in the City of Mayfield Heights; and declaring an emergency". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Sabetta moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. DeJohn. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Manno, Ballistrea, Teresi, Finney, DeJohn, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-9: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled "Council" by amending Section 121.01 regarding term of Council". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Sabetta moved to place the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Manno. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Teresi, Snider. NAYS: Finney. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10: "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to continue to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Finney moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Finney, Teresi, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Finney moved for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on the motion as stated: AYES: Teresi, Sabetta, Finney, Manno, DeJohn, Ballistrea, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11: "An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$1,500,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving streets and roads in the City by reconstructing, resurfacing, grading, draining, curbing, paving, constructing storm sewers and related drainage facilities and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council, together with the necessary related improvements and

appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency". Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only

Mr. DeJohn moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Ballistrea, Teresi, Sabetta, DeJohn, Finney, Manno, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballistrea moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. Roll Call on the motion as stated: AYES: Finney, DeJohn, Manno, Ballistrea, Sabetta, Teresi, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is adopted.

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MOTIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS; COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL: None.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Sabetta moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DeJohn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved:



Diane M. Snider  
Council President

Respectfully submitted,



Shanisha Lloyd  
Deputy Clerk of Council