

REGULAR SESSION

August 8, 2024

The Council of the City of Chardon met in Regular Session Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Chardon Municipal Center.

Christopher Grau, Mayor & President of Council presiding.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Members of Council present: Andrew Blackley, Deborah Chuha, Christopher Grau, David Lelko, Kyle Martin, Heather Means, Daniel Meleski.

Members of Council absent: none.

Others Present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Finance Director Mark Iacofano, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Law Director Benjamin Chojnacki, City Engineer Doug Courtney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Lieutenant Matt Delisa, Ken Ovarik, Paul Ovarik, Michelle Urban, Amy Patterson, Bill Hess, Candice Zinner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Blackley moved and Mr. Meleski seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2024 Public Hearing and July 13, 2024 Regular Session as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grau reported on the unveiling ceremony of the individual state championship sign at Mel Harder Park.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Randy Sharpe, reported on recent personnel hirings and resignations.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation and Resurfacing Project began and is expected to be concluded by September 20th.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the 2024 Sidewalk Infill & Maintenance Plan is being finalized and is expected to go out to bid in the near future.

Mr. Sharpe reported on the status of Public Works Projects.

Mr. Sharpe reported on the City's cleanup efforts following the recent storm, and thanked the Public Works Department and safety forces for their assistance.

Public Service Director Paul Hornyak reported on the City's efforts to conduct an inventory of lead service lines as part of the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule revisions.

Mrs. Chuha inquired about the status of parking enforcement on the Square.

Mr. Sharpe stated that money was budgeted for a parking enforcement device and the parking app is currently being investigated and tested by the Police Chief.

Mr. Lelko asked that the Police Chief update Council on the time frame for the implementation of the parking enforcement device.

Mr. Meleski inquired about the digital sign repair.

Mr. Hornyak reported that staff is investigating connecting to a closer electrical box rather than repairing the line from Short Court Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Blackley reported that Planning Commission met in Regular Session and approved the Concept Plan for the consolidation of parcels for the Chardon Local School District's bus garage.

Mr. Blackley reported that Planning Commission also approved a request by the D4 Group for the construction of one building in the new Cider Mills Development prior to the installation and dedication of utilities in the development.

Mr. Blackley reported that Planning Commission also granted Conditional Use approval for a women's shelter at 341 Washington Street and waived the 1000' setback requirement from their men's shelter at 339 Washington Street.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park and Recreation Board

Mr. Martin reported that the Board met and discussed the status of programs and facilities. He reported that the Board also reviewed the interpretive signs and changes for the 2024 Fall Fest.

HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Those Persons on the Agenda

Michelle Urban addressed Council to request permission to hold a Health and Wellness Sampler Event on August 24, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. As part of the event, she also requested permission to allow for sales by some vendors and asked for the use of two dedicated parking stalls for a mobile pet groomer. She reviewed a map of the areas as part of the proposed event which will include educational demonstrations every 30 minutes. She explained that they ordered port-o-lets and a handwashing station.

Mr. Sharpe noted that because of the size and weight, the picnic tables in the Square will have to remain where they currently are.

Ms. Means moved and Mr. Grau seconded to approve Michelle Urban's request for a health and wellness sampler event on August 24, 2024 and not require her to return to Council for approval in the future unless there are significant changes to the event.

General Public

Ken Ovark, 334 Irma Drive, explained an issue he is having with his storm drain.

Mr. Hornyak stated that he would address the issue with Mr. Ovark.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding any objections to all Class C and D retail liquor permits expiring on October 1, 2024, no member had any objections.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 3281

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHARDON-WINDSOR ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time by title only.

Mr. Meleski moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be read for the second and third time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 3281 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mr. Blackley moved and Mr. Meleski seconded for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3281.

Mr. Chojnacki stated that the County is engaging in a road improvement project on Chardon-Windsor Road, and in order for the project to extend into the City, they need approval by Council. In addition, they have requested the City contribute \$25,000 for the City's portion of the improvements.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

Mrs. Chuha reported that expenditures were in order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Sharpe reported that State Representative Sarah Fowler contacted the City to offer assistance following the recent storm.

Mr. Lelko asked if the County sets off the tornado sirens and asked if the Fire and Police Departments also still have the capability to do the same.

Lieutenant Matt Delisa stated that the Fire and Police Departments still have the capability to turn the sirens on.

Mr. Martin gave a public service announcement regarding the life span of smoke detectors.

ADJOURN

Mr. Lelko moved and Mr. Grau seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

CHRISTOPHER GRAU, Mayor
President of Council

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council