

CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 2021

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on November 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Carter, Walther, Epperson, Barstow, Galik, and Lee-present. Hampshire was absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director were present.

Walther made a motion to add a motion to the Consent Agenda to excuse the absence of Tom Lee from all meetings held on November 1, 2021. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Barstow, Galik, Lee, and Carter-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Lee made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session immediately following Citizens Comments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Epperson, Barstow, Galik, Lee, Carter, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Citizens Comments

Rachael Mattis Bissett addressed City Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Lee made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. Included in the Executive Session is City Administrator Tim Hickin, Chief Brooks, Deputy Chief Boals, Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director, and Law Director Brian Zets. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Barstow, Galik, Lee, Carter, Walther, and Epperson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:07 PM.

Carter made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Carter, Walther, Epperson and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Council returned to open session at 7:52 PM.

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Carter, Walther, Epperson, Barstow, Galik, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, approval of the November 1, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes, and a motion to excuse the absence of Tom Lee from all meetings held on November 1, 2021.

Reports

Lee noted he would be proposing a motion to evaluate the police salary and benefit package.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator gave an update on the sign change ceremony for Watkins Way/Hornets Way, the Cookie Walk, the second meeting of the Wards and Boundaries Commission, adding Electric/Gas Aggregation, and Charter Amendments. He also thanked Rachael Bissett for her service and brought to Council's attention the need to review plans for the second meeting in December. Mr. Hickin accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director noted the supplemental on the agenda and the anticipated ratings call from Moody's. Mr. Nicholson accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Utility Director gave an update on other projects and department activities. Mr. Sharrock accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Services addressed current projects and department activities and noted the salting and plowing season was upon us. Mr. Haines accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director, addressed current department activities. Mr. Fulton accepted questions from Council.

Lenier Crawford, Park Manager, reviewed various projects and department activities. He accepted questions from Council.

Chief Brooks noted the upcoming Cookie Walk and accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports

Development Committee: Lee gave an update on the next upcoming meeting scheduled for December 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Building and Grounds Committee: Epperson noted a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Unfinished Business

Barstow made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 2021-4403. Seconded by Carter. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2021-4403 Third Reading An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Pataskala, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and to authorize approved interfund transfers.

Barstow made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4403 as amended. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Lee, Carter, Walther, Epperson, Barstow, and Galik-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 2021-4404 as amended. Seconded by Epperson.

The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2021-4404 Third Reading An ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-4367 establishing the allocation of income tax collections received by the City of Pataskala pursuant to Ordinance 2010-3959.

Barstow made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4404 as amended. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Barstow, Galik, Lee, and Carter-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 2021-4405. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2021-4405 Third Reading An ordinance to establish the 2022 Pay Schedule for Seasonal Employees in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Barstow made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4405. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Barstow, Galik, Lee, Carter, Walther, and Epperson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

New Business

Barstow made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2021-4406. Seconded by Walther. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2021-4406 First Reading An ordinance repealing Ordinance 2021-4402 and (re)approving the current replacement pages to the Pataskala Codified Ordinances and **declaring an emergency**.

Barstow made a motion to dispense with the readings of Ordinance 2021-4406 on three separate dates and declare an emergency as provided for in Section 4.06 of the Charter of the City of Pataskala. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Carter, Walther, Epperson, and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4406. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Lee, Carter, Walther, Epperson, Barstow, and Galik-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2021-4407. Seconded by Walther. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2021-4407 First Reading An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

Lee made a motion to direct the 2022 Finance Committee to evaluate the police salary and benefit package, attention via individual survey, operational and administration staffing, structure, budget and carry over levels. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Barstow, Galik, Lee, and Carter-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to direct the Administration forthwith to receive cost estimates from Hull and Associates for the design and installation of 6 speed humps on Hazelwood Drive; and for the installation of trees designed to narrow the cone of vision on Hazelwood Drive and Forestview Drive. Upon receipt of said information, the administration shall forthwith report said information, the administration shall forthwith report said information to Council and for consideration by the Street Committee. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Epperson, Barstow, Galik, Lee, Carter, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Tim Hickin noted the success of the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Barstow offered congratulations on the budget.

Walther noted it was great having people that care.

Mayor Compton wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked all that helped with the Veterans Day Celebration.

Lee gave a Fire Board update on the new station to be located at Taylor Road.

Galik thanked Rachael Bissett for her efforts on the Farmer's Market.

Carter thanked Mr. Lee for the update and noted it was nice to be in this community.

Epperson wished the Cheerleaders good luck and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.


Epperson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Barstow, Galik, Lee, Carter, Walther, and Epperson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved December 6, 2021.

ATTEST:


Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council


Thomas Lee, Council President