



## CITY OF PATASKALA

### COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 2025

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on May 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik and Lee - present. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director present.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Glenn Damron addressed City Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the City's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

#### **Reports**

Walther stated he agrees with the truck traffic on Graham Road is horrible and it needs more signs along with more patrolling.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator, the trash contract is out and the bid is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Prebid meeting is happening next week, he will be reaching out to council for the midyear meetings and accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator, stated a group of volunteers from Gace Church spread playground mulch at Karr Park, Municipal Park and flower bed mulch at City Hall and the Police Department and wanted to thank them for doing that the past weekend, talked with CJ from Licking Regional Water District, they are working on a basis of an agreement that we can consider to offer license operators to the Utility Department since we lost our highest license operator, would be an emergency type plan but we are trying to cooperate with them to cover our EPA requirements and then accepted questions from Council.

James Nicholson, Finance Director, accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director, accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Public Service Director, gave an update on the stripping on Broad Street and also a update on repaving Mink Street at the entrance of Illuminate and accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director, stated that he would like to have a Development Committee Meeting on May 19th from 6:15 to 6:45 and a Ag Committee Meeting from 6:45 to 6:55 and then accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police, accepted questions from Council.

Any questions asked by Council are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the City's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

There were none.

### **Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters**

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

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, Motion to excuse the absence of Deborah Kohman from all meetings held on April 21, 2025, Motion to advertise one vacancy on the Board of Zoning appeals starting on July 8, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, Motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget calendar. A copy of the calendar is contained in the May 5, 2025, Finance Directors report, Motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Dennis as the delegate to the RITA Council of Governments (RCOG) and Tim Hickin as the alternate. A copy of the appointment letter is contained in the May 5, 2025, Finance Directors report, Motion to increase Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Dennis's hourly rate of pay by \$2.42 to compensate her for the additional duties and responsibilities she will perform while working in the Finance Department over the next 90 days until Jamie Nicolson retires, April 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 2025-041** – A resolution approving a 'then & now' certification by the City Finance Director, pursuant to R.C. 5705.41(d)(2), for the payment of operating expenditures (American Structurepoint)

**RESOLUTION 2025-042** - A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept the bid of, and execute a contract with, The Shelly Company for construction services for the 2025 Roadway Improvements Program

**RESOLUTION 2025-043** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with CTL Engineering, Inc. to provide construction administration and inspection services for the 2025 Roadway Improvements Program

**RESOLUTION 2025-044** - A resolution accepting a right-of-way dedication along Mink Street and Refugee Road as part of the TPA Group development for public maintenance and operation by the City of Pataskala

**RESOLUTION 2025-045** – A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Investment Management Agreement with RedTree Investment Group for the provision of investment advisory and portfolio management services

**RESOLUTION 2025-046** – A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Securities Custody Agreement with US Bank for the provision of securities custody and investment trade settlement services

### **Unfinished Business**

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4490 for a third reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2025-4490 – Third Reading** - An ordinance to rezone property located at 0 Oak Meadow Drive, parcel number 064-308536-00.000, totaling 0.62 +/- acres in the City of Pataskala, from the General Business (GB) zoning classification to the Multi-Family Residential (R-M) zoning classification.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-4490. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4492 for a third reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2025-4492 – Third Reading** – An ordinance to amend section 4 of Ordinance 2024-4478 and thereby extending the moratorium on the issuance and processing of permits that would allow the cultivation, processing, and retail dispensing of adult use cannabis within the City of Pataskala.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-4492. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Kohman -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

### **New Business**

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4493 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2025-4493 – First Reading** - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

Discussion: Walther asked Nicholson that on the supplemental and they decide to use the general fund for these types of things, is there a process that you would propose to make sure this council and future councils would have a copy of that guidance as they make those kind of decisions about the supplementals. Would like to have some sort of report to remind them that they are utilizing money out of the general fund and it is at a certain amount 'x' and it will take it down to 'y' and it is still above the 'floor'. Nicholson said that they could get something together like that before he retires.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4494 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2025-4494 – First Reading** - An ordinance amending section 929.08 of the codified ordinances of the City of Pataskala, thereby increasing the water rates (beginning on January 1, 2026)

Discussion: Walther wanted to mention that out of the Utility Committee that it was talked about in length, what to do with the rates and how to increase them. They are proposing 3 rate increases over the next 6 year period and during the discussions they talked about as they evaluate the increases and the budget and the fund balance, that these can be relooked at and can be amended in the future. That with the new water plant running and not knowing exactly how efficient that will be, there may be room for it to be possibility reduced or canceled.

### **Additional Citizens' Comments**

Lee Jones addressed City Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the City's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

### **Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments**

Kohman stated that the Ohio Ethics paperwork is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Walther wanted to point out that there has been some talk about aggregation issues around the electric. Would like to have the Commissioners come back in to council and talk about what is going on.

Hampshire said the State of the City was fantastic, the new Explore Licking County books are now out

Compton thanked all the directors for their help with the State of the City

Walther thanked Joe Peterson for the help with everything and wished him the best with his future endeavors

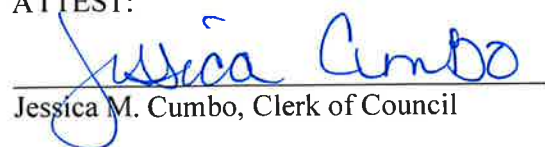
Lee gave his condolences to the Ashcraft family

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

  
Andrew Walther, Council President