



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2020

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on January 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM in City Hall, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Carter Walther, Barstow, Hickin, and Lee-present. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director was present.

Citizens Comments

Jerika Zuckerman and Mathew Dausewbey 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.

Introduction, discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Barstow made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Hickin. Discussion was regarding the December 16, 2019 minutes. Walther made a motion to amend the minutes to read: **ORDINANCE 2019-4357 Second Reading**. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Carter, Walther, Barstow, Hickin, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed. Walther made a motion to amend the December 16, 2019 minutes to include an excused absence for Melissa Carter for December 16, 2019. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Walther-yes, Barstow-yes, Hickin-yes, Lee-yes, and Carter-abstained. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed. Barstow made a motion to amend the December 16 minutes to include an excused the absence of Andy Walther from the December 16, 2019 Council Meeting. Seconded by Hickin. Roll Call: Barstow-yes, Hickin-yes, Lee-yes, Carter-yes, and Walther-abstained. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the original motion as amended: Barstow, Hickin, Lee, Carter, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the Consent Agenda passed.

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, approval of the December 16, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Reports

Mayor Compton announced his reappointment of Mr. Hickin as the City's WLJFD Representative and asked that Council confirm that appointment. Mayor Compton asked the Directors to put together the information they wished to have included in the State of the City Address. Mayor Compton asked for direction from Council if they desired an Executive Session at the January 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Todd Barstow, Council President thanked Council for their support and also congratulated Mr. Hickin being elected to Council Vice President.

Walther asked that there be consideration is given to an appointment of a Park Board Liaison and that he would be interested in serving in that capacity.

BJ King, City Administrator wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave an update on Resolution 2020-002 and accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

James Nicholson, Finance Director gave an update on the 2020-2021 Liability Insurance and announced the books were closed and balanced. Mr. Nicholson accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

Chris Sharrock, Utility Director gave updates on utility activities and reported working on year-end reports. Mr. Sharrock accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

Allan Haines, Director of Public Services gave an update on Service Department activities. He also accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director highlighted his report. He also accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

Lenier Crawford addressed Resolution 2020-001 and Ordinance 2019-4357. He also gave a Park Planning update. He accepted questions from Mayor and Council.

Bruce Brooks, Police Chief gave an update on police activities. He also accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports:

There were none.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2019-4341 remained tabled.

Barstow made a motion to table **ORDINANCE 2019-4357**, an ordinance to amend the City of Pataskala schedule of Municipal Fees and thereby add Section D (Parks and Recreation). Seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Barstow, Hickin, Lee, Carter, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Tim Hickin as the City's Representative to the WLJFD Board. Seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Hickin, Lee, Carter, Walther, and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

New Business

Walther made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2020-001**, a resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to re-advertise, receive, and review bids for the Liberty Park Natureworks Grant Funded Improvements Project. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Hickin, Lee, Carter, Walther, and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2020-002**, a resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Isaac, Wiles Burkholder & Teetor, LLC for municipal law director services for calendar year 2020 and 2021. Seconded by Hickin. Roll Call: Lee, Carter, Walther, Barstow, and Hickin-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed

Additional Citizens Comments

Jerika Zuckerman, Brian Disbennet, and Trent Thorson 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.

Executive Session

Barstow made a motion go into Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G) (1) to consider the employment of a public employee. Invited into the Executive Session is Law Director Brian Zets. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Carter, Walther, Barstow, Hickin, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:17 PM.

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

Council returned to open session at 9:08 PM.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Carter supported making Chris Sharrock the Acting City Administrator.

Council discussed the options.

Carter made a motion to appoint Chris Sharrock as the Acting City Administrator upon departure of BJ King. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Barstow, Hickin, Lee, Carter, and Walther-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Mayor Compton announced the formation of an Ad hoc Committee to search for and find a City Administrator. The members are Lee, Walther and Hickin. The Ad hoc Committee will report back to Council no later than July 6, 2020.

Hickin looking forward to Wednesday and thanked Council for their support.

Carter asked that she be provided copies of all e-mails from Mr. Helfrich from January 1, 2019 to date. She also thanked all for the expressions of sympathy during her family's loss.

Mr. Zets expressed his thanks to everyone that he and his staff works with in the City.

Walther wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also asked to be appointed Park Liaison.

Mayor Compton asked if we have received confirmation that our income tax issue has been approved by the Board of Elections.

Lee is looking forward to Wednesday evening and moving forward.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved January 21, 2020

ATTEST:



Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council



Todd Barstow, Council President