



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2023

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, Galik and Lee -present. Dandurand – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director were present.

Citizens Comments

Tyler Hampshire gave an update on Explore Licking County.

Mayor presented a proclamation to the Watkins Memorial Football team for winning the Battle of Broad Street for 2023.

Walther made a motion to amend the agenda under Section 5.04 of the Charter of Pataskala to include a discussion of the Ivory Barn Custom Home Décor Liquor Permit under Section 8-D ‘Other’. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, Galik, and Lee – yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Mayor Compton explained the council meetings rules to make sure the meeting is kept respectful and courteous.

Interviews were held for Parks Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and Personnel Board of Review. These Interviews are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City’s record retention schedule.

Anna Rehl, Rebecca Walker, Taryn Albert, Barb Brown, Sarah Chaulk, Eileen DeRolf, Margaret Howe, Judy Cafmeyer 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.

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

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

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator’s Report, Department Reports, approval of the November 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and approved the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2023-088 – A resolution amending the Clerk of Council position description.

RESOLUTION 2023-089 – A resolution amending the 2024 – 2025 City of Pataskala non-collectively bargained employee pay matrix, effective for the pay period beginning on January 7, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2023-090 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract, with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns & Dehaven, INC. (GPD group) to perform engineering design and bidding services for the 2024 Street Improvements Program.

RESOLUTION 2023-091 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a Supplemental Road Development Agreement with RRIFI Buckeye I Property, LLC.

RESOLUTION 2023-092 – A resolution accepting 2.734 acres of right-of-way being donated by Coughlin Properties of Pataskala, LLC and Crown East Properties, INC.

RESOLUTION 2023-093 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with the Montrose group, LLC to provide Economic Development Advisory Consulting Services to the City of Pataskala.

Reports

Mayor Compton has everyone's framework books. Cookie Walk was a success. If interested in Wraths Across America let him know.

Walther opened the floor up to members of council to express themselves to both the community members that are in the audience as well as those who are watching on the internet. Epperson, Galik, Lee, Hampshire, Walther, and Compton all made statements. These statements are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator mentioned the Cookie Walk took place the past Saturday. Sarah McQuire couldn't make it in to talk about the Cookie Walk but sent him thanks to all the departments that helped, also that council has canceled the second meeting in December since 2014 and if council wishes to do that then tonight is when the motion would need to be done, then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator stated the contract for Renew Wellness has been completed and should have a resolution on the agenda next meeting, the Freedom Park Trail Project should be starting in January and accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director mentioned accepted questions from Council.

Trent Howell, Utility Director stated that the Streets Department helped out with some potholes for the water plant and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Services mentioned they will be planting trees this year along Main Street and some subdivisions that they had to take trees down in the Right-of-Way and then accepted questions from Council.

Walther thanked Fulton for getting everyone information about the Fair Lady concerns.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police advised that the Shop with the Cop that was happening December 13th and accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports

Development Committee: Lee and Walther gave an update on the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to have the second reading of Ordinance 2023-4461. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2023-4461 – Second Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

Walther made a motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance 2023-4461 on three separate dates as provided for in Section 4.04 of the Charter of the City of Pataskala. Seconded by Lee. Walther confirmed that the reason for the dispensing of the 3rd reading is because of not having a 2nd meeting in December. Jamie confirmed. Roll Call: Epperson, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther - yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-4461. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, and Epperson – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

New Business

Walther made a motion to appoint Derek Lee to the vacant position on Parks Board starting on January 1st, 2024, for a 4-year term. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Hampshire – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Epperson made a motion to appoint Deborah Giannaris to the vacant position on the Personnel Board of Review starting on January 1st, 2024, for a 3-year term. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, and Galik – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

Walther made a motion to appoint Dan Korte to the vacant position on the Personnel Board of Review starting on January 1st, 2024, for a 3-year term. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, Galik, and Lee – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Epperson made a motion to appoint Frank Broering to the vacant position on Planning and Zoning Commission starting on January 1st, 2024, for a 4-year term. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite – yes. Mayor declared motion passed.

Epperson made a motion to appoint Bill Evenson to the vacant position on Planning and Zoning Commission starting on January 1st, 2024, for a 4-year term. Seconded by no one. Mayor declared the motion failed.

Walther made a motion to appoint Ms. Jessica Cumbo to the vacant position of Council Clerk. Starting on December 25th, 2023, at step 8 of the pay matrix that was adopted on tonight's consent

agenda. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, and Epperson – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to cancel the scheduled Council Meeting for December 18, 2023. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Hampshire – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to have the first Organizational Meeting on January 8th, 2024 and the second January Council meeting on January 22nd, 2024. Seconded by Epperson. Discussion: Walther stated this was to get away from the Holidays that are in January that would move both meetings to Tuesdays. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Hampshire – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion that they do not need to request a hearing for the Ivory Barn Liquor License. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, Hampshire, and Galik – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Additional Citizens' Comments

Eileen DeRolf, Sarah Chaulk, Margaret Howe, Anna Rehl, Shannon Pryor, Judy Cafmeyer, 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.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Walter wanted to thank Amy Dandurand for her service on Council and wishes her well. Also wanted to congratulate the Cookie Walk on its success.

Mike Compton wanted to also thank Amy Dandurand for her service and wish everyone a Merry Christmas or Happy Holiday.

Epperson stated it was a pleasure working with Amy and wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Hite attended her first Cookie Walk and it was awesome.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

