



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on May 20, 2024, 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 were present.

Citizens Comments

Scott Brown, Officer Scott McClellan 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.

Reports

Mayor Compton wished Tim Hickin a happy birthday, Memorial Day celebrations will be Monday at 9am at the cemetery and 10am at Vets Green.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator reminded council that Ordinance 2024-4468 and Ordinance 2024-4469 are still tabled, gave an update the May 16th public meeting about the Matlack site and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator gave an update on the Freedom Park fence and the Municipal Park problems they have been having from dirt bikes and accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director stated they are at the tail end of the 2023 audit and should be done by the end of May then accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public accepted questions from Council.

Mayor thanked Rotary for the flags that they donated to the Street Department.

Scott Fulton, Planning accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police stated there is an ordinance on the agenda for two sergeants positions, thanked the Mayor for all his help around the police station, mentioned the Watkins Boys and Girls will be going to Obetz in Rugby Semi-finals that weekend and accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports

Utility Committee Meeting - Updated by Galik

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite -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 29, 2024, Motion to excuse the absence of Mary Hite from all meetings held on April 29, 2024, Motion to approve the 2025 budget schedule, Approval of the April 29, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2024 Public Hearing #1 Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2024 Public Hearing # 2 Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and approved the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-045 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Midstates Recreation for the purchase and installation of the Freedom Park basketball court hoops.

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4470 for a third reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4470 – Third Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4470. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther -yes. Mayor declared the motion to adopt the ordinance passed.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4466 for a second reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4466 – Second Reading - An ordinance to rezone properties located at 7482 Columbia Road and 0 Columbia Road, parcel numbers 064-152922-00.001, 064-152922-00.000, and 064-152910-00.000, totaling 136.75 +/- acres in the City of Pataskala, from the Agricultural (AG) zoning classification to the Planned Manufacturing (PM) zoning classification with a Plan District Overlay.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4467 for a second reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4467 – Second Reading - An ordinance to amend Chapter 1257 (Flood Damage Prevention and Flood Plain Overlay District) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala, Ohio.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4471 for a second reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4471 – Second Reading - An ordinance authorizing the creation of a new fund to provide for the proper accounting and segregation of funds received and designated for the annual Independence Day celebration fireworks and other community events held in the City of Pataskala.

New Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4464 for a first reading. Seconded by Lee. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4464 – First Reading - An ordinance to rezone properties located at 8855 East Broad Street and 18 South Belmar Drive, parcel numbers 063-151194-00.000, 063-151194-01.000, and 063-145992-00.000, totaling 1.242 +/- acres in the City of Pataskala, from the Medium Density Residential (R-20) zoning classification to the General Business (GB) zoning classification.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4465 for a first reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4465 – First Reading - An ordinance to rezone property located at 43 South Belmar Drive, parcel number 063-142734-00.000, totaling 0.41 +/- acres in the City of Pataskala, from the Medium Density Residential (R-20) zoning classification to the General Business (GB) zoning classification.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4472 for a first reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4472 – First Reading - An ordinance to create two new patrol sergeant positions within the City of Pataskala Division of Police Patrol Division. Discussion: Walther asked Jamie what the total costs for adding the two sergeant positions, (them going from officer to sergeant) and if it will indeed save the department money from not having the sergeant already on duty have to stay over. Jamie stated he did not know off the top of his head but will do some research and let him know at the next meeting. Brooks stated that there could be a saving in overtime work with the officer on duty not having to stay over.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Lee stated that him and Walther got a tour of the West Licking Fire Station, which is now open and if anyone wants a tour to let him know.

Kohman congratulated Jamie on the State Award.

Hampshire congratulated Jamie on the award as well.

Walther thanked Trenish for answering questions that he had about the maintenance position, congratulated Meyer Shank on having 3 cars in the Indy 500 race and his condolences to the Emiswiler family for the passing of RoseMary.

Galik thanked everyone for helping with the tree that fell in his yard that afternoon.

Hite congratulated Jamie on the State Award as well and a Happy Birthday to Tim.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

