



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on August 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik and Lee - present. Hite – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and present, Brian Zets, Law Director was absent.

Citizens Comments

Tom Lawson, Gus Cook, and Vicki Gigliotti 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 stated the signup sheet for the Street Fair will be sent out for everyone to sign up to work the city booth, there is a Hunting Safety Education Course that will be held at the Police Station on September 14 from 1 to 4:30pm, had a great library ribbon cutting at the opening and it is an amazing building, asked Brooks if there were any issues with Pelotonia this year, Brooks stated no and they were done around noon.

Andy Walther wanted to state that the council/city does not have a lot of say when it comes to the turn lane dealing with Licking Heights and that the Alan Haines and Tim Hickin is working hard to work with the schools to make sure the access is safe but how they do it, is up to the school.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator stated they wanted to hold a Records Commission meeting before next council meeting, there will also be a Street Fair meeting this week, also do have the list for the council members for their sit down with Admin for their briefing for all projects going on that he mentioned last meeting then accepted questions from Council.

Mayor Compton mentioned that the super load will be leaving the area Tuesday morning, the same morning 310 will be closed for the Street Fair, to plan accordingly.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City wanted to thanked Beth Kolp and her group (Planted for Pataskala) for prepping the mulch beds for the plants that have been donated to the city at Freedom Park and accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director stated the 2023 PAFR are on their desk and will also be mailing them to residents and accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director gave a Beechwood Trail cell tower update and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Service gave an update on the Headleys Mill Road Bridge and that it opened up that morning, he also had a meeting that day with multiple groups about the north/south 310 corridor study and came up with three intersections to take to ODOT, 310 and Refugee, 310 and 40, and Etna Pkwy and Broad St., and then accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director stated that Ordinance 2024-4478 that the State has until September 7th of this year to come up with their regulations for adult cannabis use, so the city is looking to review those when they come out to see what they look like, decide what the city wants to do and then update the zoning code so this is calling a time out to see how that goes then accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police said that Pelotonia went smooth, gearing up for the Street Fair and there are two pieces of legislation on the agenda for this meeting, also received a call from Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force for their assistance in a Buy Bust which they did, and confiscated 4lbs of black tar heroin down by Kroger and accepted questions from Council.

Mayor Compton presented the Finance Department with a check for \$7,000 from Dogs Day of Summer for a new K9.

Committee Chair Reports

Tom Lee wanted to talk about having another Development Committee Meeting and make sure Nate Green was back in town so he can attend, also reminded everyone that Jack Treinish will be coming in the next council meeting.

Development Committee Meeting – Updated by Lee

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, 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 Dustin Epperson from all meetings held on July 15, 2024, Motion to accept a donation from Strader's Garden Center of 226 perennial plants and shrubs to be used throughout the Pataskala Parks System. The donation has a value of \$6,270.74, July 15, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and approved the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-056 - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a School Resource Officer Agreement with the Licking Heights Local School District Board of Education

RESOLUTION 2024-057 - A resolution to accept and confirm infrastructure improvements for the Heron Manor, Phase 5 Development for public maintenance and operation by the City of Pataskala

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4475 for a third reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4475 – Third Reading - An ordinance implementing sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Pataskala, designating a housing officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council. Discussion: Walther wants to make a motion to table so they can have Nate Green address council before a vote is reached and address some of the concerns that have been brought up and to make sure everyone is aware when that would happen so anyone interested in hearing the answers, can attend.

Walther made a motion to table Ordinance 2024-4475. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion to table passed.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4477 for a second reading. Seconded by Walther. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4477 – Second Reading - An ordinance to amend the Financial Policies & Procedures Manual for public employees of the City of Pataskala. Discussion: Walther wanted to say good job to Jamie for working on this.

New Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4476 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4476 - First Reading - An ordinance creating and establishing an additional position of employment (full-time police officer) within the City of Pataskala Division of Police. Discussion: Walther wanted to state that he knows that the police department worked very hard with the school and he believes this is a very valuable position for us and he hopes the officer that is chosen to take the position is well suited for it and if it can help just one kid, it is worth it.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4478 for a first reading. Seconded by Walther. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4478 – First Reading - An ordinance to impose a 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 read Ordinance 2024-4479 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4479 – First Reading - An ordinance updating and amending the City of Pataskala employee handbook & policy manual. Discussion: Walther wanted to thank all of the directors for putting this together.

Epperson made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4480 for a first reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4480 – First Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

Mayor mentioned the new permit on the agenda from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for Capuanos Pizza LLC.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Walther thanked the boy scouts for coming to the meeting.

Walther made a Motion to go into executive session A, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(3) to conference with an attorney for the City concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending and imminent court action. To be included: Brian Zets, Alan Haines, Tim Hickin, Chris Sharrock and Mayor Mike Compton and a Motion to go into executive session B, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(5) to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by state statute. To be included: Brian Zets and Mayor Mike Compton. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Walther, and Epperson - yes. Mayor declared the motion passed and went into executive session A at 7:44pm.

Tim Hickin stated that executive session A ended at 8:21pm and executive session B started at 8:21pm.

Walter made a Motion to come out of executive session B. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Walther, Epperson, and Kohman -yes. Mayor declared the motion passed and came out of executive session B at 9:01pm.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Compton mentioned his son published a book on Amazon and is very proud of him and also took his grandson to the zoo.

Galik wished everyone a happy Street Fair.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

