



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on November 4, 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.

Walther made a motion to amend the agenda to read Ordinance 2024-4485 before Ordinance 2024-4484. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Citizens Comments

Deb Dingus 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.

Walther conducted interviews for the open positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Richard Cooper could not make the meeting due to prior commitments. The interview for Lon Colman was completed. This interview is available by audio recording as well, through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Reports

Compton reminded everyone that the Veterans Day Memorial service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 1pm at Veterans Green.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator, gave an update on the Mac Lack Site from the EPA and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator, accepted questions from Council.

James Nicholson, Finance Director mentioned the 1st reading of the supplemental is on the agenda and then accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director gave an update on the blowers at the water plant, gave an update on the lift station upgrade and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Service said they have received a one million in funding for the super structure on the Key Bridge, the department will be taking out trees as needed or that may be dying around the city but also will be able to replace about 50 that have been removed, maintenance of trucks are done and ready for the winter, gave an update on Refugee Rd, if there are any questions about the supplemental he will try and answer them and then accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director wanted to highlight Ordinance 2024-4483 will have a public hearing on November 18, 2024 at 6:30pm and then will be placed on the agenda.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports

Street Committee Meeting – Update by Epperson

Utility Committee Meeting – Update by Galik

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. 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 Dustin Epperson from all meetings held on October 21, 2024, Motion to excuse the absence of Deborah Kohman from all meetings held on October 21, 2024, Motion to advertise for the two Personnel Board of Review terms that will expire December 31, 2024, October 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-071 – A Resolution to accept and confirm infrastructure improvements for the Forest Ridge, Section 2 Development for public maintenance and operation by the City of Pataskala

RESOLUTION 2024-072 – A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Software Solutions, Inc. (SSI) for the web hosting of the Finance Department’s Accounting and Budgetary Control System

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4485 for a second reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4485 – Second Reading - An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Pataskala, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and to authorize approved interfund transfers.

Discussion: Walther asked if this should be discussed before or after amending Exhibit A. Zets stated to amend first and then discuss.

Walther made a motion to amend Ordinance 2024-4485 Exhibit A by substitution. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion to amend by substitution passed.

Discussion: Due to various discussions among councilmembers, this discussion is available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule and can also be found on the city's YouTube page, City of Pataskala Ohio, in the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting Pt. 1.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4484 for a second reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4484 – Second Reading - An ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-4456 establishing the allocation of income tax collections received by the City of Pataskala pursuant to Ordinance 2010-3959.

Discussion: Due to various discussions among councilmembers, this discussion is available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule and can also be found on the city's YouTube page, City of Pataskala Ohio, in the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting Pt. 1.

New Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4487 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4487 – First 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 read Ordinance 2024-4488 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4488 – First Reading - An ordinance authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute agreements with RRIFI Columbus 44 land, LLC to terminate two (2) Community Reinvestment Areas

Walther made a motion to appoint Richard Cooper to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, and Lee -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to appoint Lon Colman to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Compton thanked Jennifer Dennis and Michael Boals for being at the meeting for budget questions. Reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Epperson made a motion to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22(G)(3), A conference with an attorney, for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. To be included: Alan Haines, Chris Sharrock, Tim Hickin, Brian Zets and Mayor Compton. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and went into executive session at 9:11pm.

Walther made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and came out of executive session at 9:33pm.

Tim Hickin wanted to state for the recorded to reflect that the Heath Pool was open every day (7 days) this past summer.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

