



## CITY OF PATASKALA

### COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2025

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on January 6, 2025, 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 was absent.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Josh DeJesus addressed City Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the city's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Council President Walther.

Walther conducted Personnel Board of Review Interviews. Mary Walker and Becky Smith. These interviews are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the city's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Lee made a motion to reappoint Mary Walker to the Personnel Board of Review. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite -yes. Walther declared the motion passed.

Lee made a motion to reappoint Becky Smith to the Personnel Board of Review. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther -yes. Walther declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to reappoint Tom Lee to the Fire Board. Seconded by Hite. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Lee, Galik, Hite, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Walther declared the motion passed.

#### **Reports**

Andy Walther thanked everyone for the reappointed to be the President of Council and thought 2024 went very smoothly.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator, gave a reminder that he needs the names for the Charter Review Commission if you haven't already and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator let council know that a big tree fell at Municipal Park on December 30, 2024 and broke a park bench and fence, Jace and Lenier came in, cut up the tree and fixed the fence on the same day and then accepted questions from Council.

James Nicholson, Finance pointed out that they have closed the books for 2024 in record speed and appreciates the departments helping with that and now moving into 2025 and then accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director wanted to shout out to the Public Service Department for the clear roads in the city and then accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Service, stated that the street guys were out at 4am clearing the roads, worked from 4am to 4pm and will be out tomorrow at 4am again and then accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director stated there will be an Ag Committee on January 21, 2025 and then a Public Hearing following before the council meeting then accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police accepted questions from Council.

Any questions asked by Council are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the city's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Walther removed Resolution 2025-006 from the consent agenda and moved to 8B under New Business.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

Done under Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

### **Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters**

Epperson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Lee. 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 Debroah Kohman from all meetings held on December 2, 2024, December 2, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 2025-001** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Languageline Services, Inc. to provide interpreter services in Mayor's court.

**RESOLUTION 2025-002** - A Resolution accepting and confirming infrastructure improvements for Mink Street as part of the Red Rock, Phase B Development for public maintenance and operation by the City of Pataskala

**RESOLUTION 2025-003** - A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. to complete a City-wide Active Transportation Plan

**RESOLUTION 2025-004** - A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Gannett Fleming, Inc. to perform design services and construction administration services for the Mill Street Bridge Wing Wall Rehabilitation project

**RESOLUTION 2025-005** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Goetechnical consultants inc. To complete soil boring and analysis for the water reclamation facility expansion project

**RESOLUTION 2025-007** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the City of Pataskala for planning, design and/or construction of wastewater facilities and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan

### **Unfinished Business**

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4483 for a third reading. Seconded by Lee. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2024-4483 – Third Reading** - An ordinance to rezone properties located on Columbia Road, parcel numbers 064-152844-00.001 and 064-152844-00.000, totaling 63.59 +/- acres in the City of Pataskala, from the Agricultural (AG) zoning classification to the Planned Manufacturing (PM) zoning classification with a Plan District Overlay.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4483. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Galik, Lee, Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, and Hampshire -yes. President Walther declared the motion passed.

### **New Business**

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4486 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2024-4486 – First Reading** - An ordinance declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from Real Property Taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio revised code sections 5709.40(b), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4489 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2025-4489 – First Reading** - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

Walther made a motion to read Resolution 2025-006. Seconded by Epperson. The Mayor read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025-006** - 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

Walther stated that he wanted to make sure Council knew that the original contract with Montrose went up last year because of the lobbying they had done for the city since the city does not have a lobbying without this company and would cost more for the city to hire someone in house. Lee pointed out that this company could also help lobbying with the AEP situation.

Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Lee, and Hite -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

### **Additional Citizens' Comments**

Gus Cook 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**

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Update by Walther

Lee said good work on the road, hope everyone had a happy holiday and Go Bucks.

Hampshire stated the first Explore Licking County meeting is scheduled and agreed with everything Lee said.

Walther asked council to get ahold of him about committee assignments and seating.

Galik said great job on the roads.

Epperson also stated great job on the roads.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

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Andrew Walther, Council President

