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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Dombey. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Chief Meyer.

Present at roll call were Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Frey, Mayor Pedro, Mr. Rozic, Mr. Borowski and Mrs. Duncan.

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Phil Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Zac Bingham – Deputy Fire Chief

Ken Blair – Public Works Director

### Citizens Present:

Please see Citizens' Sign-In Sheet, Exhibit A, Page 1 for a list of people present.

### Presentations

- A. Mayor Pedro – Oath of Office, Todd Shelton, Lieutenant, Waterville Police Department

Mayor Pedro administered the “Oath of Office” to our new Police Lieutenant, Todd Shelton. Lieutenant Shelton gave Council a brief summary of his work history and thanked them for allowing him to serve Waterville. Council members then welcomed him to Waterville.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting and the August 8, 2021 Special Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Frank L. Wright, 8129 Donnington Dr., attended this evening's meeting to discuss the new retention pond near Dutch Road and the speed limit on Waterville-Monclova Road. He stated that the retention pond is an accident waiting to happen and is concerned that a car will crash into the pond and someone will drown. He then suggested the possible addition of a barricade around the pond. He also asked that Council consider reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Waterville-Monclova Rd. between Dutch Road and the Fire Station due to the rise in new construction and traffic in the area. Mr. Gochenour stated that Mr. Wright's concern about the retention pond has been raised by others and will be reviewed when the final plat of “Columbian Village” is considered by the Planning Commission and Council in September. Mr. Rozic then added that the Public Safety Committee met last week and actually recommended the same speed reduction and voted to unanimously recommend a traffic study. After further discussion, Mr. Wright then suggested the addition of a skateboard park at Baer Park. Mrs. Bruno invited Mr. Wright to participate in the next Parks and Recreation Committee, scheduled for September 7.

Corina Pflgebraar, Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, was also present and outlined all of the Chamber's upcoming events for the remainder of 2021,

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which include: Roche de Boeuf (Saturday, September 25); “Boo to Do” (October 28); Shop Local (month of November); “Let it Glow” (month of December) and the Art Auction (Feb. 12). She added that they are also looking at holding a Candidates’ Night in October with the date, time and place to be determined.

### Executive Session

Mr. Bruno made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22 (G) (4), Reviewing Negotiations with Public Employees Concerning Compensation and Other Terms and Conditions of their Employment at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Return to Regular Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 8:13 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Provided Council members with a copy of the results of the 2012 Bond Refunding/Refinancing Bid which was received on August 17. The total interest cost of the new bond, which will mature in 2041, is 1.276%. He also provided a detailed outline of the six portions of the bond and the costs associated with the refinancing and conversion of existing notes into the bond.

Law Director: Phil Dombey –

- Reported that the City’s filing against Purdue-Pharma as part of a class-action lawsuit has been accepted.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the July 2021 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.
- Reviewed details from the FY 2021 Second Quarter Budget Report, covering 1/1/ – 6/30/21, highlighting Fund Balances, Investments and Income Tax Revenues. A detailed cover memo of this report was included in Council’s packet.

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2021.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Reported that early on August 21, a stabbing took place on N. Second St. A woman was treated and released and a man is still in the hospital recovering from his injuries. Felony charges will be filed later this week.
- Reported that he attended a Council of Governments (COG) meeting along with other area law enforcement leaders to discuss how the transition of dispatching to a countywide agency may impact non-emergency type calls. He added that meeting went well and that the COG was agreeable with the non-emergency list which was provided by the suburban police chiefs.
- Welcomed the Lieutenant Todd Shelton to the department.
- Stated that the winning bid through GovDeals for the Police Department Harley Davidson was \$9,100.00. He added that he is currently looking at golf carts to replace the motorcycle.

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Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Briefly gave an update on the new ladder truck. He stated that he will be flying to Appleton, WI tomorrow to do a final inspection. The vehicle will be arriving in September.
- Stated that the process for the next round of full-time employee hires is still ongoing.
- Reported that the fire engine that was ordered is still in progress. It should be arriving in February.
- Reported that all the upgrades to the fire station have been completed.

Mr. Rozic asked if he was able to meet with Scott Savage, President of the Board of Park Commissioners. Chief Meyer stated that he and Chief Valvano met with Mr. Savage to discuss ongoing concerns about rescuing campers on Granger Island. The Metroparks will be working with the City to come up with a solution to this issue.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair –

- Reported that the pre-construction meeting for the street resurfacing program will be held within the week.
- Stated that the back-ordered meter sockets have been delivered. He added that we will be moving forward to complete the Water Meter Replacement Project.
- Reported that a bid opening was held for the US 24/SR 64 Signal Improvement Project.
- Reported that the clearing of brush and trees along the river at Parker Square and Memorial Park has been completed.

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that the pickleball, tennis and basketball courts at Baer Park look great and have been busy. She then asked Mr. Blair for an update on the restrooms at Baer Park which are currently closed. Mr. Blair stated that he is currently seeking bids to replace cracked pipes in order to repair the plumbing. In the meantime, portable toilets are on-site.

Mr. Borowski –

- Attended a recent Tree Commission meeting. They are currently seeking two new members to fill vacancies. He then stated that he asked the members of the Tree Commission to come up with a three-year plan. They are concerned that while the city is planting over 40 trees a year, a lot of maintenance is needed but is not getting done.
- Stated that some great events have been held recently in Waterville. He then stated that at these events he was approached by several residents asking for the City to use social media to share information about upcoming events and other City news.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he recently attended the Public Safety Committee meeting where they discussed/recommend to Council the addition of a crosswalk at Farnsworth Rd. and River Rd. at Memorial Park, a traffic study to look at a possible speed reduction from 45 mph to 35 mph on Waterville-Monclova Rd. from the Fire Station to Dutch Rd., the Police Chief's concern over the 911 COG proposal on the dispatching of non-emergency calls and the reduction of the number of committee members from 11 to 9. He stated that they also had a very lengthy discussion on the use of City resources on shoplifting/theft calls at the Kroger Store. This issue will be a topic for ongoing discussion.

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Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that the new pickleball courts look amazing.
- Reported that he, along with several members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, recently met for a community clean-up day. He stated that he would like to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee the formation of a sub-committee that would meet once in the spring and twice in the summer to find projects within the parks to work on with an initial funding of \$4,000 to \$5,000.
- Recommended the addition of a digital sign at the Fire Station to replace the current sign.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reminded residents that schools are open. Drive carefully.
- Attended a meeting of the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC).
- Stated that a lot of great events are happening in Downtown Waterville.
- Asked Council to consider a monthly nomination process in order to bring forward and recognize Waterville citizens. He also asked Council to start thinking about the 2022 budget.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 19-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 04-21, THE AMENDED FY 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the third amendment to the 2021 appropriations. Significant items included in this amendment are: revenue and expenses related to the 2021 Bond Anticipation Note Issue and 2012 Bond Refunding/Refinancing; establishing the new 270 Fund for anticipated American Rescue Plan (ARPA) revenues and expenses (\$290,110); an additional appropriation in Water Capital (\$30,000) and Sewer Capital (\$30,000) for the purchase of water meters for new construction; an additional appropriation in the 5 Year Capital (325) Fund for the St. Rt. 64/U.S. 24 Traffic Signal Improvement Project (\$20,000) and other routine items.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 19-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 19-21 as an emergency measure. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Rozic – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mayor Pedro - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. RESOLUTION 32-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 20 BARGAINING UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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This Resolution authorizes the approval of the proposed renewal of the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 20 Bargaining Unit in the Public Works Department. This tentative agreement has been ratified by the bargaining unit. The three-year agreement contains either 4 to 5% wages increases in years one and three depending on certain circumstances as well as a 2.5% increase in year two. As with the previously approved Police Union Contracts, an effort has been made to increase starting pay to ensure that the City's pay scales remain competitive with other area public service departments.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 32-21. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

**C. RESOLUTION 33-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT WITH U.S. UTILITY CONTRACTOR COMPANY FOR THE ST. RT. 64/U.S. 24 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

This Resolution would authorize a contract with U.S. Utility Contractor Company of Perrysburg, Ohio for the St. Rt. 64/U.S. 24 Traffic Signal Improvement Project. The project involves the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of St. Rt. 64 and the southbound exit and on ramps of U.S. 24 and the installation of two, solar powered pedestrian crosswalk beacons at the intersection of Pray Boulevard and Waterville-Monclova Road. This construction project was advertised and the City received five competitive bids, which were opened on August 18, 2021. It was determined by the City Engineer and administrative staff that U.S. Utility Contractor Company submitted the best and most responsive bid of \$178,526.20, therefore the recommendation to award them the contract.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 33-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

**D. RESOLUTION 34-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HYLANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC., ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OHIO GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

The Village/City has had contracts for comprehensive property, casualty, and liability insurance coverages with Hylant Administrative Services since 1988. We have again received a proposal from Hylant, using the Ohio Plan of Government Risk Management, for the renewal of our insurance coverage for the August 31, 2021 to August 31, 2022 period. This Resolution would authorize a contract for renewal for a one-year term with an increase in the total premium from \$46,745 to \$50,160. The \$3,415 increase is primarily due to the increase in property and vehicle values to account for inflation and liability claims involving police and fire equipment.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Resolution 34-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bruno – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mayor Pedro – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move for the passage of Resolution 34-21 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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Roll Call: Mr. Rozic – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mayor Pedro – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mr. Bruno - yes. The motion passed unanimously

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

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Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor