

Regular Council

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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro at 7:30 p.m. by video conference with Council members.

The prayer was offered by Rod Frey. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mary Duncan.

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

Also present this evening in Council Chambers was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator and Clerk of Council; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Steve Schult, Treasurer, was present by video conference.

Citizens Present:

Karen Gerhardinger – Mirror Newspaper by video conference

Corina Pflieger – Waterville Chamber of Commerce by video conference

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Council meeting. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

A. Corina Pflieger – Executive Director, Waterville Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Pflieger came to this evening's meeting to tell Council about the full lineup of events that they have scheduled for this year. These events include:

- A ribbon cutting ceremony at the Liberty House at the corner of S. River and Farnsworth Roads on Monday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.
- Garage Sale Days – Thursday, June 3 through Saturday, June 5.
- Rock the Block on Saturday, June 19 from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. on S. Third St.
- The Chamber's Annual Golf Outing at Toledo Country Club, Friday, July 23.
- Roche de Boeuf Festival, Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Boo-to-Do – Thursday, October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Shop Local Campaign will be held during the month November 2021. All participants will earn a chance to win a \$200 gift card to area restaurants for every \$25.00 spent in participating businesses.
- "Let it Glow" contest wrapping up with a holiday bazaar at Browning Masonic Community.

Due to all the events planned for this year, Mayor Pedro asked that Ms. Pflieger, John Henry (summer concert series) and Lisa Exner with the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission (Food Truck Tuesday's) to meet with Mr. Gochenour, Chief Valvano and Chief Meyer to develop a similar plan for all events and discuss how to safety manage each event due to the expected crowds.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Reported that along with the Finance Director, he attended a progress meeting for the Water Meter Replacement Program. He added that 574 meters have been replaced with approximately 181 remaining. He stated that the next phase of the project is to install five - 90 ft. utility poles for the installation of radio meter collection units throughout the city.
- Discussed the Waterville Gas Company's natural gas line relocation project along the Anthony Wayne Trail near Farnsworth Rd.
- Reported that he was invited to give a presentation on the upcoming Parker Square Park Project to Rotary on May 17.

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- Stated that the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission will be hosting food trucks at Conrad Park on Tuesday, July 13 and Tuesday August 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bruno wanted to note for the record her opposition to the City receiving and spending funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Frey then gave a brief recap of the joint meeting of the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District held earlier this evening for those who were not in attendance.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – absent.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that one of his client's recently commented to him on how great the new Waterville Bridge looks.
- Reminded Council that the deadline to file their Financial Disclosure Statements with the State of Ohio (elected officials) for 2020 is Monday, May 17.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Reminded residents that because of the large amount of rain that we have got over the weekend, the river is about a foot higher and is very swift. She has noticed a lot of kayakers/canoers in the water without life jackets or helmets. She asked that everyone be extremely cautious and refrain from entering the river at this time until it calms down.

Mayor Pedro –

- Stated that he received a call from Wayne King with the Whitehouse American Legion to discuss plans for this Memorial Day. Services will start at the Whitehouse Veterans Memorial at 10:00 a.m. Services will continue at approximately 11:00 a.m. at Wakeman Cemetery with a keynote speaker and a performance by the AW High School Band. The Boy Scouts will also be participating by placing flags at the gravesites of our veterans. Mayor Pedro asked that members of Council get the word out to residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Executive Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22 (G) (8) (a), Information Related to Economic Development Assistance under ORC Chapter 1724 at 8:16 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.

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Return to Regular Session

Mr. Bruno made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 22-21 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WATERVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) AS AN AGENCY OF THE CITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

This Resolution designates the Waterville Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) as an agency of the City for the promotion of economic development within the City of Waterville. Under the Ohio Revised Code, CICs have broad powers to engage in economic development activities on behalf of cities in Ohio.

Mayor Pedro moved to table Resolution 22-21. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- B. RESOLUTION 23-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MONTROSE GROUP LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CREATION OF A DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (DRD) PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the Montrose Group of Columbus, Ohio for consulting services related to the creation of a Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) in the City of Waterville. A DRD is an economic development tool which would allow the City to divert increases in property tax revenue to finance redevelopment projects in the district, which must contain historical buildings, through grants, loans and public infrastructure improvements. A DRD would function similar to the City's existing Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) located on Pray Boulevard which has been used to finance past infrastructure improvement projects. The cost for these consulting services is \$30,000.

Mayor Pedro moved to table Resolution 23-21. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor