

## 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. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by resident Tim Guzman.

Present at roll call were Todd Borowski, John Rozic, Anthony Bruno, Tim Pedro, Mary Duncan, Rod Frey and Barbara Bruno.

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

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Chief of Police

### Presentations

- A. Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) – Laura Koprowski, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Koprowski provided a presentation on TARTA operations and discussed the new TARTA “Flex Ride” program and the return of shuttle buses to Fifth Third Field and the Huntington Center.

- B. Urban Forest Management Plan – Waterville Tree Commission

Peg Ryan of the Waterville Tree Commission was present and reviewed the Tree Commission’s proposed “Urban Forest Management Plan” for the City of Waterville and recommended its approval by Council.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt the “Urban Forest Management Plan,” Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

### Citizens Present:

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

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Bruno abstaining.

### Citizens Comments

David Brenner, 133 S. Second Street, thanked Council for the time they put into serving the community and doing their best to put the community first.

Gary Christy, 148 Rutledge Drive, stated that last year an accident on Farmview Drive had knocked out a street light pole. He asked if the City knew when it would be fixed? Mrs. Duncan stated that the street light is owned by Toledo Edison and it is responsible for fixing it. The City has submitted a list of street light outages to Toledo Edison and will work on getting the pole replaced.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the new traffic signal poles for the Anthony Wayne Trail and Mechanic and Anthony Wayne Trail and Farnsworth are being replaced. The luminaires, which are the street light portion, did not come in with the poles. The existing street lights will remain in place until the luminaires come in.

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- Early this morning there was a fire in the kitchen at McDonalds. McDonalds will be closed while they making repairs. McDonalds will have to be inspected by the Lucas County Health Department and the Waterville Fire Department before reopening.
- The staff is working with Lucas County to help them find a new site for the recycling dumpsters. A new site should be paved, lighted and open in the evenings and on weekends. Mr. Borowski asked if we had room at the Public Works building along the north drive. Mr. Gochenour stated that there might be room for a few, but Lucas County had 12 dumpsters located at Kroger.

Law Director: Phil Dombey

- No Report

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Frey

- Stated that he wanted to thank Council for their support of the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District and their 2024 Appropriations.

Mrs. Bruno

- Started that May 17 will be the “Grand Reopening” of the Waterworks Park Baseball Field. The 10U Anthony Wayne team will be holding their first softball game at 6 p.m. There will also be food at Waterworks Park for the evening.

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Bruno

- Started that on May 20, there is also a planned “community cleanup and planting day” at Waterworks Park.

Mr. Rozic

- Stated that today, May 8, is the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first canal boat to move down the portion of the Miami and Erie Canal through Waterville which is now the Anthony Wayne Trail.

Mr. Borowski

- Stated it is great to see teams practicing at Waterworks Park.

Mayor Pedro

- Attended Coffee with Cops on April 29 at Shawn’s Irish Tavern.
- Stated that Mercy Health System President Bob Baxter will be holding a meeting on May 9 at 6 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church to discuss the closing of St. Luke’s Hospital which Mercy recently purchased.
- Stated that on May 29 at 11 a.m. there will be a Memorial Day Celebration at Wakeman Cemetery.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 05-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, SCHEDULE IV OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, NO TURN ON RED (NORTHBOUND ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL AT MECHANIC STREET)  
*Third Reading and Legislative Action*

This Ordinance would establish a “no turn on red traffic lane restriction” for the northbound lane of the Anthony Wayne Trail at the intersection of Mechanic Street.

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This restriction is necessary to avoid possible conflicting movements of vehicle traffic onto eastbound Mechanic Street from the Anthony Wayne Trail. The traffic signal at this intersection currently permits green arrow left turns from the southbound lane of the Anthony Wayne Trail onto Mechanic or Third Streets, but there is also no prohibition against right turns on red from the northbound lane of the Anthony Wayne Trail onto Mechanic or Third Streets as well. Consequently, this situation creates the possibility of vehicles turning into each other at this corner of the intersection. Although this potential traffic conflict could exist at any time two vehicles are present at this intersection, the no turn on red restriction would be in effect during the peak traffic hours only of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The establishment of a no turn on red traffic restriction at this location was recommended by the Public Safety Committee at their April 6, 2023 public meeting.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Ordinance 05-23. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 06-23 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 1, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 2, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 3, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 4, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 5, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 6, WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 7 AND WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 AND DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; EXEMPTING SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE VALUE OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; SPECIFYING THE PLAN FOR USING SERVICE PAYMENTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN; ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 1 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 2 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 3 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 4 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 5 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 6 FUND, ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 7 FUND AND ESTABLISHING THE WATERVILLE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 FUND, FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Second Reading

The enclosed ordinance creates a "Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD)" in the City of Waterville. A DRD is an economic development tool which allows the City to use increases in property tax revenue to finance redevelopment projects for existing commercial, office, retail and industrial uses in the district through grants, loans and public infrastructure improvements. The ordinance will

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create eight DRD areas in the vicinity of Downtown Waterville for a period of 30 years with the goal of increasing capital investment and creating additional job opportunities. The DRD designation would allow the City to redirect up to 70% of any increase in property tax value from a redevelopment project to be reinvested in the DRD. The City has received approval from the Anthony Wayne School District and the Penta Career Center for the proposed DRD program. In the first 10 years of the program, the school districts would receive 100% of the current value of a parcel plus 30% of any increase in property value. In years 11 through 30, a compensation agreement would be provided to the school districts reimbursing them for taxes they would have received if tax exemptions during these years were not provided. Mr. Nate Green of the Montrose Group, the City's consultant on this project, provided an overview of the DRD program to Council at your April 24 public meeting.

### Executive Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move into executive session for consideration of a matter per ORC 121.22(G)(3): imminent and pending court action at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### Return to Regular Session

Mr. Bruno made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:19 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Pedro re-read the second reading of Ordinance 06-23 into the record.

### Other Business

None

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Mr. Rozic 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