

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held May 4, 2021

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The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on May 4, 2021.

Mayor Vilardo called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilardo, Vice Mayor Lisa Evans, Sandy Russell, Kyle Mitchell, Benjamin Redman, Kim Chamberland and Ted Haskins. Also present was City Manager, Michael Doss and Law Director Mike Minniear. The public was able to view via Facebook live and via ICRC TV broadcast. YouTube Viewing Link: <https://www.icrcv.com/video/milford-city-council-3221> LIVE to the City of Milford Facebook page and on cable TV, Spectrum channel 17 and Cincy Bell channel 847.

Presentation: Ms. Linnea Gartin- Director, Community Impact Matt Wiseman and Liz Miller – Director, Creative Projects and Matt Weissman representing the Judy and John Ruthven Foundation Cincinnati Artworks Team spoke to council members regarding another opportunity to do a John Ruthven Mural here in the heart of Milford. Ms. Gartin gave a little bit of a background about Artworks and what makes their organization really special. Their mission is to transform people and places through investments and creativity. Matt Weissman spoke about The Judy and John Ruthven Foundation will essentially be funding up to \$100,000 for the mural project for the city and also donating the imagery that will be used for the wall. Liz Miller discussed project specifics and answered questions. Mayor Vilardo commented that this was a beautiful idea and brilliant partnership! Council members asked questions. City Manager Michael Doss discussed an agreement that the city was provided with from Artworks.

Proceedings: Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Proceedings from April 20, 2021 Ms. Evans made a motion to approve Seconded by Ms. Russell All yes

Appointment: Pat Wirthlin to The Jedd II & Jedd VII Boards All yes

Financial Statements: Adopt the March 2021 Financial Reports Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Russell. All yes

Public Comments: none at this time

Standing Committee Report:

Administrative Services

Administrative Services Committee Meeting Minutes April 28, 2021 Mrs. Evans called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Lisa Evans and Kim Chamberland Staff: City Manager, Michael Doss, Finance Director, Pat Wirthlin and Administrative Assistant, Jackie Bain Visitors: None Proceedings: Approve the proceedings from the April 15, 2021 Administrative Services Committee Minutes. Ms. Chamberland made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Evans. Local Government Fund Mayors Association Formula City Manager Michael Doss and Finance Director Pat Wirthlin discussed how Clermont County Mayors are proposing a new Local Government Fund (LGF) formula to bring Clermont County townships, cities, villages, and Commissioners to a mutually acceptable formula. Under the existing Township Model, Milford forfeits the largest LGF portion on an annual basis (~\$116K). It is a huge blow to villages. All the townships benefit, with Miami and Union gaining the most (~\$92K and ~\$112K annually, respectively). Milford does not fare much better under the proposed Mayor Model, but this formula places less emphasis on population and gives other municipalities a fairer portion of the pie. Today's recommendation for an Ordinance is merely a show of support for a more equitable distribution. *The Committee Agreed to Make A Recommendation for The Law Director to Draft A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of An Alternative Method of Appointment of The Undivided Local Government Fund for Calendar Year 2022 Based on The Following Distribution* :The County will receive 48.545 percent of the total allocation to be disbursed. The remaining 51.455 percent of funds after the County allocation outlined in items 1 above will be disbursed as follows:50 percent will be shared equally among all municipalities and townships50 percent will be distributed to the municipalities and on a per capita basis and will be adjusted as necessary based upon the most current United States Census Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes Property and Casualty Insurance Ms. Wirthlin informed the committee that Staff recommends the City continue its engagement with McGowan Governmental Underwriters for property and casualty insurance for the 2021/2022 coverage period. Coverage includes buildings, vehicles, equipment, contents, cyber, and accidents that cause injury or damage. The current renewal of \$62,779 increased ~\$11K from the 2020 renewal amount due to the addition of the 725 Main property, \$1 million cyber coverage, a high 5-year loss ratio, and typical rate increases. Please note that McGowan, as an agent to the City, bids the contract out to various insurers. Also reviewed Ohio Plan, a popular P&C State pool. The Committee Agreed to Make A Recommendation for The Law Director to Draft an Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with McGowan Governmental Underwriters for Property and Casualty Insurance in The Amount Of \$62,779 For the Period May 13,2021 to May 13, 2022 Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes Discussion of Sub House Bill 157 Section 29 of Hb 197Finance Director - Pat Wirthlin discussed information with the committee regarding opposition to Sub. HB 157. The City of Milford will be writing to Legislature urging

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opposition to Sub. HB 157. The legislation would change the original intent of Section 29 of HB 197, the temporary provision instructing municipalities to continue withholding municipal income tax at a taxpayer's place of work, even if the taxpayer is currently working from home in a different local jurisdiction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we support the provision in Sub. HB 157 extending of the sunseting of Sec. 29 of HB 197 until December 31, 2021, we strongly oppose the remaining provisions in the substitute bill that attempt to rewrite the original intent of the temporary withholding provision. Not only will municipalities be impacted, but businesses will suffer the additional administrative burden of having to certify each employee requesting a refund for the duration of the time they worked from home by tracking when and where every employee worked for both 2020 and 2021. The Committee Agreed to Make A Recommendation for The Law Director to Draft a Resolution Opposing House Bill 157 Amending the Law Regarding Withholding Municipal Earned Income Tax for Those Working Virtually And/Or at Home, Using Language Based on The Attached Sample Resolution: Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Evans, Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All agreed Respectfully submitted, Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant

City Manager Report

MEMORANDUM TO: City Council CC: Mike Minniear, Law Director Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant/Clerk FROM: City Manager DATE: May 4, 2021 RE: Manager's Report ODOT I-275 Resurfacing Update – ODOT continues resurfacing this week on I-275. Enter and Exit ramps and merge lanes will be closed during the week for resurfacing improvements. Resurfacing and closures will begin at 10 pm and end at 5:00 am each night (weather permitting) Parking Lot Paving and Walking Path Update – Paving of the Jim Terrell Park, Jonas Memorial Park parking lots, and Riverside Park walking path is scheduled to commence June 7. Pavement Management Study Update – The evaluation of the curbs and catch basins are complete. Asphalt pavement evaluation and scoring is anticipated to be completed in the next two weeks. A full report will be provided to City Council and Public Works at the beginning of June. Wallace Avenue Supply Line & Garfield Avenue Discharge Line Update – Surveying and preliminary engineering for the water lines will begin next week. The two lines will support the future new Wallace Avenue water tower. The City anticipates submitting OPWC grant applications for the two projects for the next round of funding. Shred Day Update – The City's Community Shred Day was a success. City residents provided over 7,000 pounds of papered documents to be shredded. FOP Bargaining Negotiations – The City has started labor negotiations with all three FOP bargaining units. AFSCME negotiations are expected to begin later this month. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS None at this time REMINDERS May 12 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 pm May 14-16 – Community Yard Sale 7:00 am to 7:00 pm May 18 – City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Police Department Report

Monthly Report-April 2021 This report summarizes the various activities and functions of the Milford Police Department during the month of April. *TRAINING* • All sworn personnel completed training on a new Ohio law regarding handcuffing and restraining pregnant females. • Sworn members received four hours of training on traffic stop tactics. • Officer Wilson attended a course on crisis intervention and de-escalation. • Officer Dennis attended the monthly dive team training. • Officer Yeary attended the monthly special response team training. *NOTABLE OCCURRENCES* • Felonious assault arrest at 13 Kenny Court involving a male victim of a stabbing. • An officer located vehicle tampering in progress at Car Wox which led to a vehicle pursuit that was terminated at the state line. The subject was later apprehended by another agency in Cincinnati and was charged for several theft and fleeing offenses. We later discovered the vehicle used in the pursuit was stolen and an additional auto theft charge was also filed. • Officers located a vehicle with stolen plates and a stolen shotgun at Walmart. The driver was located after a lengthy search and was taken to CCJ. The subsequent follow-up investigation yielded additional charges after officers located coveralls with a handgun and narcotics in the discarded garments near the dumpster area of Walmart, where the suspect was apprehended. • Officers arrested a male on Dot Street for felonious assault for causing serious physical harm to a family or household member. • As a result of multiple complaints, detectives conducted a sting operation on the vape retailers in the city using an underage operative. Three people were charged into Mayors Court. Monthly Report-April 2021 *ADMINISTRATIVE* • The Spring sergeant's meeting and in-service training were held on April 23rd. • Officer Williams is progressing through field training on schedule. • Clerk Pat Banks has announced her retirement effective at the end of July. Assistant Finance Director Tina Kern has been selected to replace her. *COMMUNITY RELATIONS* • Chief Mills and Officer Bogan attended the Pattison Elementary DARE graduation. • Officer checked on a camper at Terrell Park who bicycled to the area from Akron. He was very complimentary of the city and our department. Officer checked on a boy scout troop camping at Riverside Park. • Officer made contact with an elderly resident from the Sems who was confused and paranoid. She was taken back to her residence from TPCC and the resident manager as well APS was notified. • Officer made contact with an elderly resident from the Sems who was confused and paranoid. She was taken back to her residence from TPCC and the resident manager as well APS was notified. *OUTSIDE MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS* • Chief Mills attended the monthly Clermont County Chiefs meeting. • Chief Mills attended a planning meeting for Frontier Days.

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Fire and EMS Report

Chief Baird reported May 11th and May 13th Joint Active Threat training drill with the Police Department. There will be a lot of training activity in the area. The department has an open F/T Paramedic position. Information can be found on their website <http://www.milfordcommunityfd.org/> Open until the middle of May. Ohio Fire Academy Fire Behavioral Laboratory is currently sitting in the parking lot. Starting three days of training with not only their firefighters but all the surrounding communities' firefighters.

Council Comments

Ms. Chamberland commented on Clean Up Day at Carriage Way Park. Also noting that it is Honeybee Swarm season and if you happen to see a swarm please do not panic but contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture for people who would like the swarm of bees. Someone will come out and collect them. Thank you to all the departments who make this a great place to work, live and recreate. We are all very fortunate to serve this community. Work Session schedules were also discussed and how can we have more of these types of work sessions since we have a lot to talk about and would like the community to understand.

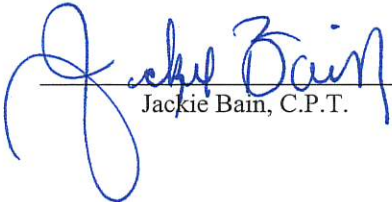
New Business:

Ordinances and Resolutions


- 2021-627** A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of an Alternative Method of Apportionment of The Undivided Local Government Fund for The Calendar Year 2022 Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes
- 2021-628** A Resolution Opposing Sub. House Bill 157 Amending the Law Regarding Withholding Municipal Earned Income Tax for Those Working Virtually And/Or at Home Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes
- 2021-85** An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with McGowan Governmental Underwriters for Property and Casualty Insurance for the City of Milford Ms. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes

Old Business: none at this time

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the City Council; the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm Ms. Evans made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell All voted yes



Jackie Bain, C.P.T.

 VICE

Amy Vilardo, Mayor
LISA EVANS