

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ASHTABULA – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 19, 2018

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the Ward 2 Councilor offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4 Councilor)
Mr. Reginald M. Holman (Ward 3 Councilor)
Ms. Jane E. Haines (Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. John S. Roskovics (President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mrs. Kym Harley (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. James M. Timonere (City Manager)
Mr. Michael Franklin (City Solicitor)
Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert (Finance Director)
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: None

EXCUSED ABSENCE(S): Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to excuse the Ward 1 Councilor and the Vice President from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

AGENDA APPROVAL: None

PRESENTATION(S)

The Ward 2 Councilor presented the following resolution to Mr. Richard Quaranta:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-24

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
RICHARD QUARANTA**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio that a very special recognition is in order; and,

WHEREAS, Richard Quaranta, born January 18, 1946, is a lifelong Ashtabula City resident and community activist whose time has come to retire from public service; and,

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WHEREAS, Richard Quaranta, attended Station Avenue Elementary (grades K through 8), is a 1964 Ashtabula High School graduate and studied at Kent State University at Ashtabula when it was located on Park Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Richard Quaranta's public service includes Ward 3 City Council representative (1988-1989); membership on various Charter Change Committees; Chair of the Harbor, Rivers, Wharfs Committee who were instrumental in keeping U. S. Coast Guard operations in the City; Cable T. V. Consortium Chair; Housings Appeals Board member; 30 years on the Ashtabula County Transportation Board (serving as Chair and Secretary); and most recently Ashtabula Parks & Recreation Board Vice-Chair; and,

WHEREAS, Richard Quaranta had a successful employment career at Union Carbine, Loblaw's Rockwell Brake, and Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus (A-Tech) Custodian for 30 years – 25 of which he served as union steward; and most recently he retired as a substitute Custodian for the Ashtabula Area City Schools and A-Tech;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, hereby express our sincere appreciation to Richard Quaranta for his undeniable love for, and commitment to, the City of Ashtabula. While he affectionately refers to himself as a "backdoor politician", he always, without hesitation, entered by way of the front door of many places to lend a hand and make a difference in the place he calls home.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____

John S. Roskovics
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

Christopher J. McClure
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Kym Harley
WARD 1 COUNCILOR

August A. Pugliese
WARD 2 COUNCILOR

Reginald M. Holman
WARD 3 COUNCILOR

Michael D. Speelman
WARD 4 COUNCILOR

Jane Haines
WARD 5 COUNCILOR

James M. Timonere
CITY MANAGER

Michael Franklin
CITY SOLICITOR

Dana D. Pinkert
FINANCE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Quaranta received a standing ovation, said his term on City Council was served in the City Hall building that was located in what is now the former Carlisle's store parking lot, thanked City Council and the City Officials for the recognition, commented on their individual contributions to the betterment of the City of Ashtabula and said he has and always will love Ashtabula.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to adopt the resolution; motion CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request

The City Manager requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing "Bargaining Session re: Public Employees". Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to grant the request. On the roll call to convene an Executive Session: Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

On the roll call to convene an Executive Session: Mr. Holman voted yea.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0, exclusive of Mr. Holman's vote and by a vote of 5 to 0, inclusive of Mr. Holman's vote.

Reconvene

At 7:18 p.m., the President reconvened the public portion of the meeting and announced there to be no action to take.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items for consideration and disposal.

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

None

Legislation Agenda

- Formal Legislation Request(s): None
- Form and Correctness: None
- Legislation Overview: None
- Public Discussion (Legislation Portion Only): None
- Legislation Reading: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the March 5, 2018, Regular Council Meeting minutes. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Holman seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to adopt the minutes; motion CARRIED.

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The Clerk of Council presented the following amendment to the February 20, 2018, Regular Council Meeting minutes, as it pertains to the vote on RESOLUTION NO. 2018-27, A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT REGINALD HOLMAN HAS FORFEITED THE OFFICE OF ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 REPRESENTATIVE:

Verbiage approved on March 5:

On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mrs. Harley, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; the motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0.

Suggested Amendment:

On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mrs. Harley, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Speelman, **(Mr. Holman: Prior to this meeting the City Solicitor issued a legal opinion that this member should refrain from voting)**, Ms. Haines, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; the motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0.
Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the suggested amendment; motion CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager presented the following:

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Engineering Services

A request for an ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group with a mailing address of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the purpose of providing engineering design and construction administration for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Phase 3 Project in the amount not to exceed \$40,500.00. Funding for this project will be taken from Fund 504, and also funded in part through the Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Police Ballistics Vests Purchase

A request for an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Pro-Tech Sales with a mailing address of 1313 West Bagley Road, Berea, OH 44017 for the purpose of purchasing Ballistic Vests for the Police Department personnel in the amount not to exceed \$33,165.94. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Fund 101, and paid in part through a grant obtained from the US Department of Justice. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Tax Incentive Agreements

A request for an ordinance for the continuation of eight (8) Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreements in accordance with the Tax Incentive Review Council's recommendations. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Health Insurance Consultant

A request for an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Giangola Insurance Agency with a mailing address of 1000 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 as the most responsible bid for Health Insurance Consultant for the City of Ashtabula in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 per year. Funding for this

expenditure will be taken from Fund 602, Self Insurance. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Residential Property Tax Abatement – 1347 Thayer Avenue

A request for an ordinance to approve residential property tax abatement for property located at 1347 Thayer Avenue. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Obsolete Equipment

A request for an ordinance to dispose of and deem obsolete the following outdated equipment utilized at the Water Pollution Control Department: BOD Incubator, 2 Portable Samplers, ISCO Field Printer, Lab Analyzer 607 Orian, Lab Spectrometer. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

CITY SOLICITOR

No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Finance Director reported the following:

Finance Software: The year-long new finance software project is in full swing; the department went live. Residents will see new sewer account numbers, which they will have to register with their auto and online bill payers.

Audit: The City's annual audit will begin in two weeks

CLERK OF COUNCIL

The Clerk of Council announced donations for food pantries and the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association's Annual Eggstravaganza may be delivered to her office until March 31.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(Chair/Vice Chair)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PARKS & RECREATION (CD/ED/P&R)

(Roskovics/Speelman)

The Chair reported on the committee's Tuesday, March 13, meeting, as follows:

Lori Johnston, Executive Director and Tim Zehres, President of the Board of Directors for the Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce were present. They enumerated their upcoming events and shared their mission and how they help City businesses.

Mary Church, Assistant Director, Planning & Community Development Department discussed her desire to enact, at a later date, a "Point of Sale" program for the H-1, Historical Harbor District.

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The committee discussed how City government is able to let our business community know we appreciate them, that we are receptive to new business, that we would like to see more new businesses open and are willing and ready to help those who express an interest in opening a business in the City. Councilor Haines and the City Manager had ideas on how to move forward.

Councilor Haines announced that as a result of the Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce attendance at the committee's meeting, she attended their Profiles Breakfast event at A-Tech, which she said was "a delightful event". Profile Breakfasts occur once a month, to which the City Council receives an invitation.

Legislation Request

Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to repeal and enact a new Codified Ordinance Section 174.02 (b) titled APOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF RESIDENT MEMBERS (for the Parks & Recreation Board) to require members to be residents of the [City] of Ashtabula. The language currently reads "Ashtabula, Ohio", which some interrupt to be anywhere that uses Ashtabula, Ohio as their mailing address, which includes Saybrook, Ashtabula and Plymouth Townships. The motion CARRIED.

April Committee Meeting

Mr. Eric Diamond from the NEO Fund, (which class Councilor Haines just completed) and Mr. James Mayer (business succession planning), will be the committee's guests on Tuesday, April 10.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL - (F&P) (McClure/Pugliese)

The President announced the committee is scheduled to meet Friday, April 13, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS - (PW/PU/C/S) (Pugliese/Holman)

The Chair announced the committee will meet Friday, April 6, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

SAFETY FORCES - (SF) (Speelman/Harley)

The Chair announced the committee will meet Monday, March 26, at 8:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room.

WORK SESSION: No Report

LEGISLATION AGENDA

- **Formal Legislation Request(s):** None
- **Form and Correctness:** None
- **Legislation Overview**

The Clerk of Council announced this evening's Legislation Agenda consist of Ordinance Nos. 2018-23 and 2018-25.

- **Request Legislation Presentation by Consent Agenda**

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to present the legislation as a consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

- **Public Discussion** (Legislation Portion Only): None

- **Legislation Reading**

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-23, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PRO-TECH SALES TO PURCHASE BALLISTIC VESTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF POLICE OFFICERS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-25, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF EIGHT (8) COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS UPON CONDITIONS AS INDICATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. (Assistant Director Planning & Community Development/Tax Incentive Review Council)

NOTE: The City Solicitor instructed the Clerk of Council to, “note Mr. Holman’s vote separately in the minutes, and show the total tally with and without his vote, effective with the effective date of the Resolution finding his office forfeited.” The document finding the Ward 3 Councilor’s office forfeited is RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17, A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT REGINALD HOLMAN HAS FORFEITED THE OFFICE OF ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 REPRESENTATIVE. City Council enacted the resolution at their Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The following vote transcription reflects these instructions.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Mr. Pugliese and Mr. Roskovics voted yea. The motion CARRIED with the required 5 votes; however the Ward 3 Councilor’s vote is recorded separately, below.

On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Holman voted yea.

On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Holman voted yea.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 exclusive of Mr. Holman’s vote; and by a vote of 5 to 0 inclusive of Mr. Holman’s vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing

President Roskovics announced City Council will meet in a Public Hearing on Monday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m., to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning & Community Development Department’s request for a zoning change to permit Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) in the H-1 Harbor Historical District.

Board Reappointment

Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to reappoint Ms. Kathy Eames to a second, 3 year term, on the Architectural Restoration Review Board; motion CARRIED.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Members of City Council and the Administration/Officers are provided the opportunity to tell something about Ashtabula we may not know.

1. The Ward 5 Councilor said as a result of her announcement at the last Council meeting that donations to food pantries may be needed due to the severe storm we just experienced, Ms. Kathy Pallise is conducting a food drive through March 30. Donations may be delivered to Ms. Pallise's home at 1044 West 50th Street, the Chalk Box on Main Avenue, or she will pick-up the donations. She is a member of the Facebook group Ashtabula Community Watch, who will distribute the donations to City pantries.

The Ward 5 Councilor announced that Downtown Laughs, Ashtabula Downtown Development Association's largest fundraiser, will take place at Martini's Restaurant (Lake Road/West 9th Street), on Friday, April 6, at 8:00 p.m. National Touring Comedian Tom Dustin, Mary Santora and local talent will entertain. Tickets may be purchased from the Councilor or at Martini's.

The Ward 5 Councilor announced that last Saturday, Dublin Down Irish Pub and Eatery, located on Main Avenue, consumed the street's parking due to their St. Patrick's Day celebration. She said her salon clients had to park on the south side of the railroad tracks. She said, "When people have to walk a long distance because Main Avenue is so busy, I'd say, YES, great day."

2. The Ward 4 Councilor announced a Prescription Drop-Off Box, where old prescriptions may be deposited for disposal, is located inside the City Hall Annex/Justice Center, located at 110 West 44th Street.
3. The Clerk of Council announced she is taking donations for food pantries, as well. Donations may be delivered to her office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building.
4. The President announced Kyle Conel, recent Lakeside High School graduate, took 3rd place, in the Country, in the State Wrestling Tournament.

The President announced the Chalk Box gymnastic teams took 2nd Place in a regional competition on Saturday, March 17. The Ward 5 Councilor, owner of the Chalk Box, said there were 6 teams, one of which took 1st Place.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: April 16, 2018

ATTESTED BY: John S. Roskovics
John S. Roskovics
President of Council

TESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council