

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Elder Christopher McCain of People's Baptist Church, West Avenue, offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Josephine Misener (Ward 4 Councilor)
Mr. John S. Roskovics (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mrs. Alice T. Cook (Ward 3 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV (President)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5 Councilor)

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, Mrs. Cook seconded to excuse the Ward 5 Councilor from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATION(S): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items, and disposing of or enacting them by one motion, a second, and one vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – None

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) - None

LEGISLATION READING – None
(End of consent agenda)

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES READING & DISPOSAL

The Clerk of Council presented the following meeting minutes for the City Council's disposal:

- December 07, 2015 Public Hearing
- December 07, 2015 Regular Meeting
- December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes stood approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ronyak Paving - Change Order No. 3 - Final (2015 Paving Project)

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 3 - Final, with Ronyak Paving Inc., of Post Office Box 567 Burton, OH 44021 for the purpose of the addition and/or deletion of final quantities for the paving project in the amount to be decreased by \$10,479.36. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Perram Electric Inc. - Traffic Signal Project Change Order No. 4 - Final

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 4 - Final, with Perram Electric Inc. of 6882 Ridge Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281 for the purpose of the addition and/or deletion of final contract quantities in the amount to be decreased by \$31,308.99. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED. The Manager reported the original contract price was \$832,000; the final contract price was \$801,000.

Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) - Ashtabula Township 3rd Amendment

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into a third JEDD amendment with Ashtabula Township, Ohio. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

GPD Group - 2015 Paving Contract Modification

The City Manager requested an ordinance to modify the original contract amount with GPD Group of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the 2015 Paving Program by removing \$29,131.55 from the original design fees, making a revised contract price of \$350,868.45. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Repeal Ordinance 2015-152

The City Manager requested legislation to repeal Ordinance No. 2015-152, in its entirety (Point Park Stairs Project). Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

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**Union Industrial Contractors Inc. – ATB Harbor Streetscape Phase Two – Point Park Stairs
Project Change Order No. 2 – Final**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 2 – Final, with Union Industrial Contractors, Inc. of Post Office Box 1718 Ashtabula, OH 44005 for the purpose of modification of materials used and certain non-performance materials for a deduct of \$5,076.25, and total contract price of \$272,133.75. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to grant the City Manager’s request; motion CARRIED.

Trash Pickup Week of January 17

The City Manager announced trash pickup will remain the same the week of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Holiday.

Live Christmas Tree Pickup

The City Manager announced pickup of live Christmas trees began this week in the Harbor, will continue next week in the Wards, and asked that all ornaments be removed before they are put out.

Questions / Comments for the City Manager

Live Christmas Trees: The Ward 2 Councilor said he only saw two live trees out in his neighborhood, which signifies how times have changed due to the use of artificial trees.

CITY SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The City Solicitor announced he will be away from the office two weeks and would not be at the Tuesday, January 19, Regular Council Meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Year-end

The Finance Director reported the 2015 budget is tight, the 2015 books are not closed, that in the General Fund “it was brutal for 2015”, and she should have yearend numbers ready to present at the Friday, January 15, Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. The Director reported there were some late-in-the-year developments that will cause the 2016 Budget to have to be adjusted.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(Chair/Vice Chair)

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation (CD/ED/P&R)
(Mrs. Misener/Mr. Roskovics) – The Chair announced the following:

Committee Meeting: The committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m., in the 2nd floor conference room. Representatives from the Ashtabula County Board of Realtors are scheduled to attend.

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Parks & Recreation Board: The Parks & Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m., in Pre-Council Chambers. Members of City Council were encouraged to attend or to email her 2016 project ideas they would like presented to the Board. The City Manager and Finance Director have also been invited to attend.

Ashtabeautiful Blankets: The Council President presented the Finance Director with \$1,500 in proceeds from the sale of "Ashtabeautiful" blankets, for which she is grateful. The proceeds go directly into the Parks & Recreation coffer. Blankets may still be purchased at Ducro Funeral Services and the Office of the Clerk of Council.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL - (F&P) - (Mr. Ducro IV/Mr. Pugliese)

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, January 15, at 8:00 a.m., in the 2nd floor conference room. Topics for discussion will be modifications to the City's 2016 Budget based on 2015 yearend changes. The meeting is open to the public.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS - (PW/PU/C/S) - (Mr. Pugliese/Mr. McClure)

The Chair announced the committee will not meet this month. He said hopefully agenda items will be presented for the committee's consideration in February.

SAFETY FORCES - (SF) - (Mr. Hamrick/Mrs. Misener)

The Vice Chair announced the committee will meet on Monday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m., in the 2nd floor conference room. Mr. Jim Noyse, Director of Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority (A.M.H.A.), is scheduled to attend.

WORK SESSION - No report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS

None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Regular Agenda Legislation Only)

The President announced the legislation agenda is comprised of all requests made by the City Manager during his Manager's Report, and a second reading on a request to prohibit parking on West 17th Street.

The Clerk of Council suggested a member of City Council formally request Resolution No. 2016-05, and that it be read in its entirety. The President entertained a motion to amend tonight's agenda for the acceptance and reading of RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHRISTY TOBIAS SALON. Mrs. Misener moved, Mrs. Cook seconded; motion CARRIED.

There were no public discussion requests.

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The Council President read the following resolution, in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHRISTY TOBIAS SALON

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

WHEREAS, The Christy Tobias Salon has been in business on Main Avenue since 1994; and,

WHEREAS, Christy Tobias, a native of the City of Ashtabula, has owned The Christy Tobias Salon for twenty-one (21) years; and

WHEREAS, Christy Tobias' father, Bill Tobias, owned a salon on South Main Avenue for eight (8) plus years; and,

WHEREAS, The Christy Tobias Salon is a full service salon, specializing in all types of hair treatments and needs; and,

WHEREAS, Christy Tobias has a long time colleague, Yvonne Klingler, who has been with her since the first day her business opened – for which Christy expresses much appreciation; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, do hereby express our sincere appreciation to The Christy Tobias Salon owner, Christy Tobias, and her trusted colleague, Yvonne Klingler, for their twenty-one (21) year commitment as members of the Downtown Ashtabula business community.

THANK YOU for 'Believing In Ashtabula'!

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

LEGISLATION READING

The President entertained a motion to dispose of the Regular Legislation Agenda in consent agenda format, with the exception of the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-170. Mrs. Cook moved, Mr. McClure seconded to approve the President's request; motion CARRIED.

The Clerk of Council presented the following legislation for a vote of the City Council:

2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-170, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF WEST 17TH STREET WEST OF LAKE AVENUE, was presented for its second reading. (City Council) Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Roskovic moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to adopt the ordinance.

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Discussion: The Vice President asked the City Manager if Lake City Plating has been notified of this parking prohibition. The City Manager replied, no, but that the signs will serve as such. The Vice President suggested a courtesy call to management would be good.

On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Misener, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

Legislation Reading - Consent Agenda

ORDINANCE

2016-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MOWING SERVICES. (State Route 11) (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE 2015 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, RESULTING IN A NET DECREASE IN THE PRICE.
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO CONTRACT WITH PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC., FOR ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS IN THE CITY TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A NET REDUCTION IN PROJECT COSTS.
(City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2016-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT WITH ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP, OHIO. (City Manager)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Cook seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Misener, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mrs. Misener, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Cook, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Winter Activities: The Ward 2 Councilor suggested it is time the City of Ashtabula considers what winter youth activities may be initiated. It was reported there are no winter sport activities from Mentor, Ohio (located to our west) to Erie, PA (located to our east). The Councilor said his hope is that an ice skating rink could be incorporated into one of the projects scheduled for Walnut Beach. He recalled how that a few years ago an ice rink was constructed at Smith Field, and previously on the lawn area south of this municipal building, but that they did not work out. He suggested this to be something the Parks & Recreation Committee could discuss. It was mentioned how that the unusually warm winter we have experienced so far has not been conducive to an ice rink, at which time the Vice President mentioned 'synthetic ice'. The Ward 1 Councilor asked if any of the Walnut Beach projects include lighting. The Manager responded, no.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CLOSING REMARKS

The Council President announced the next REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.; Pre-Council is at 6:00 p.m.

The Ward 2 Councilor congratulated Urban Meyer and Ohio State University's football team for winning the January 1, 2016, Fiesta Bowl.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the President extended a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: January 19, 2016

ATTESTED BY: J. P. Ducro IV
J. P. Ducro IV
President of Council

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