

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, December 21, 2015**

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

**OPENING CEREMONY (Prayer/Pledge/Moment of Silence):** Elder Christopher McCain of People's Baptist Church, on West Avenue, offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Josephine Misener	(Ward 4 Councilor)
Mr. Kris E. Hamrick	(Ward 5 Councilor)
Mr. John S. Roskovics	(Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. August A. Pugliese	(Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure	(Vice President)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV	(President)

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Mrs. Alice T. Cook (Ward 3 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):** Mrs. Misener moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to excuse the Ward 3 Councilor from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** The President acknowledged the perfect attendance of the Ward 2 and Ward 4 Councilors at this year's Regular Council Meetings.

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

**PRESENTATION(S):** The President presented the following resolutions in recognition of commitment to the Bands on the Beach concert series at Walnut Beach:

**Resolution No.  
2015-171**

**Purpose**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DR. TIMOTHY MICHAEL KALIL**, in recognition of his efforts to bring and sustain our very successful Bands on the Beach concert series at Walnut Beach. Mr. Kalil said, "I'd like to thank this Council and the City of Ashtabula for giving me this opportunity to share my love of the arts with all of you. And, I'd like to think that I made a difference in a lot of people's lives because I know they made a lot of difference in my life. And, I think the spirit of volunteerism is very important, especially with young people. So, I just hope I can inspire you to do the same in your lives. And, I thank you J.P. and I thank you Mr. Timonere for having the confidence in me to lead this

series. And, of course my wingman, Augie Pugliese, and LaVette who have attended some of these concerts – and, to the rest of you, I know we have your support.”

**2015-172**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ASHTABULA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.** Ms. Tina Stasiewski, Director of Marketing, accepted the recognition for A.C.M.C.’s work to sustain the Bands on the Beach concert series by donating \$2,500 in 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, and by providing healthy living presentations and wellness screenings during the concert series’ intermission.

The City Manager thanked both the above recipients and said, “There’s no doubt that these concerts and everything that happens down at the beach surrounding them would not happen were it not for your financial contribution (A.C.M.C.) and all of your hard work, Dr. Kalil. I actually look forward to that call in February when you call me to say, hey we doing this again. At which time I get on the phone with Tina and we make sure it happens. You take a lot of work off of my shoulders organizing all that and I truly do appreciate it, and I know the citizens do appreciate that, as well.” He said it is nice to see people using the beach’s assets and supporting the concert series; and hopefully 2016 will bring about another series to enjoy. The President said it is a great community event and the City appreciates all Dr. Kalil does to make it happen.

The President acknowledged that Council Chambers was full this evening, that he appreciated seeing so many in the audience, and realized it cannot be the norm, but was grateful for those in attendance. The President read the following statement and then presented the following resolutions to recognize businesses and organizations that have operated in the Downtown Ashtabula area for ten years or more (\*mentioned but not formally presented):

*A few meetings ago we presented a resolution to Michael’s Furniture in recognition of their 75<sup>th</sup> year of doing business on Main Avenue. Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA), St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, My Neighborhood group, and Imagine Ashtabula who is now a part of ADDA, have worked tirelessly to promote our Downtown community, which had fallen on hard times. With the restoration of the former Hotel Ashtabula as Signature Health services, we have seen, and without a doubt will continue to see, a great resurgence in this specific part of our city. Earlier in the year it was suggested that Downtown area businesses, celebrating 10 years or more in the Downtown Ashtabula area, also be recognized. By doing so we show the public there has been, and is, a commitment to Downtown that may not be realized.*

*Pastor Michael Meranda, of Messiah Lutheran Church, located on Route 20, offered to take on the task of finding out who those businesses are. He set out on foot and spent the summer (and beyond) visiting each address from West 58<sup>th</sup> Street to Route 20, collecting the ‘years of service’ information. He remained in close contact with our Clerk of Council by reporting his progress. In October, he presented his findings to the Clerk. She commenced with contacting the businesses which met the 10 years or more timeframe, and some of those businesses are represented here this evening.*

*Some of the businesses contacted were not able to make tonight’s meeting but expressed their appreciation for being recognized. Their resolution will be delivered to them by a member of Council. Others were contacted and messages were left asking that they contact our Clerk. Once we hear from them, they, too, will be invited to a meeting or their resolution will be delivered to them.*

**Resolution No.**

**Purpose / Years of Service in Downtown**

\*2015-173

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO FRANKLIN BLAIR TITLE AGENCY. (12)  
Owners – Michael Franklin & Debra Blair

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<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Purpose / Years of Service</b>
*2015-174	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ELMER J. FORD INSURANCE AGENCY INCORPORATED. (15) – Owner – Paul Ford
*2015-175	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BARTONE’S AUTO RECONDITIONING. (16) Owners – Nicholas Anthony Bartone & Michael Lee Bartone
*2015-176	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO STEVE’S CAR CARE. (16) Owner – Steve Wheeler
2015-177	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO SCHONEMAN INC. (16) Owners – Steve & Sharon Schoneman
2015-178	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ASHTABULA COUNTY. (19) – Executive Director – Lynn Zalewski
2015-179	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CASA CAPELLI RESTAURANT. (20) Owners – Oscar & Alexandra Tomasio
2015-180	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO KEYBANK. (22) Branch Manager – Michelle McClure
*2015-181	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LOFTHOUSE BOOKSTORE. (15) Owners – Ed & Sandi Loftus
2015-182	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CAPITENA’S FLORAL AND GIFT SHOPPE. (26) Owner – Gary Capitena
2015-183	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LAKESIDE PIZZA INC. dba DOMINO’S. (29) Owner – Robert McNicholas
*2015-184	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BRET J. CIMORELL ATTORNEY AT LAW. (30) Owner – Bret J. Cimorell
2015-185	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO OUTDOOR ARMY NAVY STORE. (30) Owner – William (Bill) Hyland
*2015-186	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO STYLES BY KEN & COMPANY. (30) Owner – Kenneth Vanek
2015-187	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO FIRSTMERIT BANK. (30+) Branch Manager – Mitchell Jones
2015-188	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GREATER ASHTABULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. (30+) – Executive Director – Julie Sundquist

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Purpose / Years of Service</b>
*2015-189	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ULTIMATE APPEARANCE. (30) Owner – Jane Haines
2015-190	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CHALK BOX-GET FIT, LLC dba CHALK BOX. (35) – Owners – David & Cathy Speelman
2015-191	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO SALVATION ARMY FAMILY STORE/ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER. (35) Head Administrator – Major Unruh Store Manager – Cheryl Golding Cynthia Uhase – Senior Sales Associate
2015-192	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO NASSIEF HONDA. (44) Owner – Todd Nassief
2015-193	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PAUL E. MADAR & ASSOCIATES dba MADAR APPRAISAL COMPANY. (45) – Owner – Roberta Madar-Pruett
2015-194	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ACE PARTS COMPANY, INCORPORATED. (75) Owner – Douglas Adams
2015-195	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO VETERANS of FOREIGN WAR – POST 943. (83) Post Commander – Robert Moore
*2015-196	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO WARREN & YOUNG PLL. (93 ½) Owners – Stuart W. Cordell & Jeffrey L. Coxon
2015-197	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE A. LOUIS SUPPLY COMPANY. (110) Son-in-Law – Jake Harchalk / Owner – G. Richard (Rick) Coblitz
2015-198	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DUCRO FUNERAL SERVICES AND CREMATORY. (115) – Owners – Sue Curtis Ducro & J.P. Ducro IV
2015-199	A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE ASHTABULA STAR BEACON. (83) Publisher – Mr. Jamie Beacom / Owner Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc.

Christy Tobias and Yvonne Klingler of Christy Tobias Salon were recognized for (21) years in business on Main Avenue. Their resolution will be personally delivered to their place of business.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to adopt the resolutions; motion CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** N/A

**ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** N/A

### **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**

#### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Hamrick moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to remove the consideration of the December 7, 2015 Public Hearing and December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes from this agenda; motion CARRIED.

#### **CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Clerk of Council presented the following corrections for Council's approval:

- November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Correction – page 11 (Vice President replaced by President); and
- December 1, 2015 Organizational Meeting Correction – page 2 – Ward 1 Councilor replaced with Ward 2 Councilor.

Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to accept the corrections, as presented; motion CARRIED.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **2016 Ashtabula County Public Defender Agreement**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Public Defender, Inc. of 4817 State Road, Suite 202, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing indigent defense services in the amount not to exceed \$23,000 for one year to commence on January 1, 2016. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from General Fund 101. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Ashtabula County Metropark Board Easement Agreement**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Metropark Board for an easement on certain Municipal property for a recreational pathway over City

properties for the creation of a pedestrian and/or bicycle pathway. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Ashtabula County Animal Protective League (APL) Agreement**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County APL of 5970 Green Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing intake of dogs as authorized by City Agents or Officers in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from General Fund 101. Mrs. Misener moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **West Harbor Sewer Improvements, Phase 2 – Change Order No. 3**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to execute Change Order No. 3 with United Survey, Inc. of 25145 Broadway, Cleveland, OH 44146 for the purpose of replacement of the headworks isolation valve in the amount not to exceed \$4,321.59. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the Water Pollution Control Permanent Improvement Fund 503. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Ambulance & Medical Transportation Services Agreement**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to renew the agreement with Community Care Ambulance and the City of Ashtabula for Ambulance & Medical Transportation Services, for a period of four years to commence on January 1, 2016 for the terms as described in the agreement. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Collective Bargaining Agreements: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local No. 165; Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Local No. 26; American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local No. 1197**

The City Manager requested ordinances to enter into agreements for a term of three years to commence effective May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018 for the following collective bargaining units: IAFF No. 165, FOP No. 26 and AFSCME No. 1197. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Pay Rates for Non-Union Personnel**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to adopt pay rates and other terms and conditions of employment for various non-union personnel effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Repeal Payroll Ordinance No. 2015-155**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to repeal payroll ordinance No. 2015-155, in its entirety, for the purpose of modifying wages and salaries by using a two (2) decimal system. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

### **Authorize Payroll Ordinance**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to authorize compensation, salaries and wages to all employees of the City of Ashtabula, Ashtabula Municipal Court and the Ashtabula City Health District. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. McClure seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

### **Walnut Beach Revitalization Project – Design Engineer**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group of 100 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, OH 44503 for the purpose of providing design engineering for the Walnut Beach Revitalization Project in the amount not to exceed \$38,697.00. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from the fund 290, CDBG. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request.

### Discussion

The Vice President asked if this is one of the phases of the revitalization plan, and, if so, is the plan schematic available.

The Manager reported the plan is known as "The Big 3 Plan" which is the Harbor district master revitalization plan, and that this request is tied to it. He then said, "As we keep that plan and look for the grants that are going to enable us to do the work of that plan, this is one of them. What this is, is the CDC (*Civic Development Corporation*) grant that we did receive. We then applied for Allocation funds to use as our match to that grant. So, our match is going to help pay for the design of it, where the CDC funds are going to pay for the actual construction of it. Most of the parking lot that is down there will be ripped out and a new parking lot will be installed. We're looking at (as the master plan stated), brining a lot of the vegetation back to what was originally down there, and allowing it to grow; so, it's going to take some education. We have the Nature Conservancy on board, helping us with that. And, of course, you all are aware of the project that's been on-going down there with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rid a lot of the area to the east of Walnut Beach of the evasion species – the phragmites and various other species that have grown back over the years. With the weather that we've had this month - they've actually continued to work; and, actually, I think they finished up last week, for this year. So, they were able to extend their season quite a bit. We're excited to start this project and look forward to the go ahead from CDC to get rolling on this."

The Vice President asked if a portion of the schematic is available online.

The Manager said he does not believe so – that the Master Plan was a very large document. He offered to provide the Vice President with a copy of the Plan. The Vice President said, "I think it is important because as we go down this list we've ticked off a couple of those key items. Some of the non-fund stuff you had to do first. But, now with the revitalization of the Point Park stairs and some of these other things we're starting to tick off this list, it might be good to go back to the Plan and refer to the phases. It's important to state that there was an overall plan in place several years ago, and parts of it are starting to fall into place."

The Manager said we are following that Plan and the funds that we do seek all relate back to that Master Plan.

The Ward 2 Councilor reported that about fifteen years ago the City of Ashtabula received a grant for a nature walk off the Walnut Beach roadway. He said that over the last few years "that has been destroyed". He said there were two or three bridges back in there, there were a couple other places you could cross those streams, and asked if it would be possible to include restoring that with

this project. The City Manager said, "I believe the area you're mentioning that's part of the area the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is doing the remediation of the evasive species. So, once that project is done, yes, that's definitely something we could look at – sure."

The President asked what percentage of the \$38,697 for engineering is the total project.

The Manager said most of our projects are around 10%. He said this total project was a little over \$300,000.

The motion CARRIED.

#### **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Mowing Consent Legislation**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter an agreement with ODOT, District 4 of 2088 South Arlington Road, Akron, OH 44306 for the purpose of providing grass mowing on State Route 11 for a period of one (1) year. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Misener seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Architectural & Restoration Review Board Reappointment**

The City Manager requested the reappointment of Ms. Kathy Presciano to the Architectural & Restoration Review Board effective immediately with a term to expire on February 2, 2018. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED. The President asked how many vacancies remain. The City Manager said there is one Council appointment remaining; the Clerk of Council concurred. The President said it will be taken care of at the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

#### **Administrative Board Appointment**

The City Manager requested the appointment of Mr. Richard Vendetti to the Administrative Board effective immediately with a term to expire on May 12, 2017. Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

#### **Sanitation Pick up**

The City Manager announced there will be no garbage pickup on Friday, December 25. Friday's run will take place on Saturday.

#### **Holiday Greetings**

The City Manager wished everyone and their families a safe and happy Merry Christmas, a wonderful New Year, and said [we] look forward to 2016.

#### **CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No Report



## FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Then and Now Certifications – Request for Payment

The Finance Director asked for the City Council's approval to pay the following invoice because services were rendered prior to a purchase order being secured; and because the amount is over \$3,000 she is obligated to obtain City Council's approval in order to make payment.

Mazanex, Raskin & Ryder Company legal services in the amount of \$4,615.33, with a Certificate/Purchase Order date of December 3, 2015 and Obligation date of October 20, 2015; and Notter Electric for electric upgrades in the amount of \$3,480.00, with a Certificate/Purchase Order date of December 8, 2015, and an Obligation date of August 22, 2015. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to grant the Finance Director's request; motion CARRIED.

### Request for Appropriations

The Finance Director requested AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, POLICE LEVY, STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENTS, PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION, FIRE PENSION, MARINA, RECYCLING GRANT, ERIP (Early Retirement Incentive Plan), Permanent Improvement, WPC (Water Pollution Control), WPC Capital and Self Insurance Funds, FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. She said she will give the Clerk of Council an updated report to include Fire Pension, Marina and Recycling Grant Fund appropriations. The Director reported this to be the final 2015 appropriation. Mr. Hamrick moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to grant the Finance Director's request.

Discussion: The President asked if our General Fund balance is further reduced because of these requests. The Finance Director said it is a small increase of \$1,100, in the General Fund's appropriations, and said that line items within funds were moved around. The Motion CARRIED.

The Finance Director wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## 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 said she is really looking forward to 2016. The first committee meeting is Tuesday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. She welcomed Mr. Roskovics as a new member of the committee; Mrs. Cook served last year. She reported the year will begin by extending an invitation to the Ashtabula County Board of Realtors. Future meetings will consist of invitations to the Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce, Growth Partnership, and the committee will partner with the Safety Forces Committee to meet with Mr. Jim Noyse, Director of Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority (A.M.H.A.)

The Chair announced she attended a meeting hosted by Growth Partnership (GP) for Ashtabula County, at the Spire Institute in Geneva called Dash Board. It was a roll out of data collected that provides factual information on Ashtabula County regarding our challenges in, and opportunities to, create and retain jobs, as well as how to address the challenges. She reported one way that was identified to address the challenges was to work together as a community and county. She said it was well attended and a variety of entities were represented. The Chair said she would like to initiate the Dash Board discussion in committee, in January.

#### **Parks & Recreation Board**

The Chair announced the Board will meet on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m., in Pre-Council Chambers. She reminded the City Manager and Finance Director that their presence is requested at the meeting in order to discuss the Boards creation of projects and funding options.

The Chair said Merry Christmas from the Committee... "And, as the world becomes more unsafe I think we have to be more cognoscente and responsible to know what is going on in our community and reporting suspicious activity."

#### **Questions / Comments for Committee**

**Dashboard:** The Ward 1 Councilor asked if the information is online. The following website address was provided – [www.ashtabulacountydb.com](http://www.ashtabulacountydb.com). The President announced that GP's Director Don Iannone (pronounced ya-known) was clear that anyone who wanted a tutorial or training on navigating the document may contact his office.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

The Chair extended Merry Christmas and Happy/Health New Year's greetings.

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

The Chair announced the committee will meet on Monday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. He said he hopes to have an Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority (A.M.H.A.) representative present.

#### **WORK SESSION**

The President announced no sessions are scheduled, but that there will be a few scheduled after the first of they year to discuss Municipal Charter Review and Council Rules.

**FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS**

The Clerk of Council formally introduced the following legislation requests:

**ORDINANCE**

2015-168 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-149, PASSED ON DECEMBER 7, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 49 OF THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL CHARTER. (Clerk of Council)

**ORDINANCE**

2015-169 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO FROM JANUARY 1, 2016, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. (Clerk of Council)

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to accept the above formal legislation requests; motion CARRIED.

**Legislation Agenda Recap**

The President reported all the formal legislation requests presented this evening will be presented for a vote of Council, along with the following items:

**ORDINANCE 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

2015-145 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING BETWEEN 10:00 P.M. AND 5:00 A.M. IN PARKING SPACES ADJACENT TO SOUTH PARK ON WEST 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND WEST 50<sup>TH</sup> STREET.  
(City Solicitor/City Manager)

**ORDINANCE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

2015-170 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF WEST 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST OF LAKE AVENUE. (City Council)

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Regular Agenda Legislation Only)**

**Mr. Edward Drum, 5025 Dunsmore Avenue - Concerns regarding APL Operations:**

Mr. Drum asked that Ordinance No. 2015-159 be placed on a first reading to give citizens who are concerned with APL operations an opportunity to comment.

The President explained how that Ordinance No. 2015-159 provides the City of Ashtabula with a place to take captured dogs, at a cost per dog, and that having no alternative location creates a hardship. He said the request for a meeting with City and County officials and the APL will not have an impact on tonight's ordinance. The Clerk reported that because this is the major holiday season there are no available days to meet prior to the January 4 Regular Council Meeting.

The Ward 2 Councilor agreed that we have to have somewhere to take stray dogs.

The Vice President said it would be cruel not to enact the legislation this evening. He said at this point Mr. Drum's [group] has presented little specifics. He encouraged the [group] to have their argument tight once the meeting does take place because he is sure APL officials will.

The President told Mr. Drum that even though he reports being told by the APL's Animal Welfare Director that the City and County are the APL's funding sources, and that while he is unable to speak for the County Commissioners directly, he is pretty confident the Commissioners and the City has no authority or say – whatsoever- in the operation of the Animal Protective League "proper". They have a governing board with whom we can communicate, but we have no authority over their practices or procedures.

### LEGISLATION READING

The President entertained a motion to dispose of the Regular Legislation Agenda in consent agenda format, with the exception of Ordinance Nos. 2015-145 (second reading) and 2015-170 (first reading). Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to approve the President's request; motion CARRIED.

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-145, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING BETWEEN 10:00 P.M. AND 5:00 A.M. IN PARKING SPACES ADJACENT TO SOUTH PARK ON WEST 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND WEST 50<sup>TH</sup> STREET, was presented for its second reading. (City Solicitor/City Manager) Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to adopt the ordinance. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Misener, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Roskovics, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro IV voted yea; motion CARRIED.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST OF LAKE AVENUE, was presented for its first reading. (City Council) Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Hamrick seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED. The ordinance was placed on its first reading.

#### Consent Agenda Legislation

##### ORDINANCE

2015-157 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR. (City Manager)

##### ORDINANCE

2015-158 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARK BOARD FOR A RECREATIONAL PATHWAY OVER CITY PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-159 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-160 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE & MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO AND COMMUNITY CARE AMBULANCE NETWORK. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-161 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL NO. 165, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-162 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THREE (3) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE NO. 26, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-163 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES - OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL NO. 1197, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-164 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-165 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2015-155, ENACTED ON DECEMBER 7, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING WAGES AND SALARIES AND AUTHORIZING ROUNDING OFF CERTAIN PAY RATES TO TWO (2) DECIMALS. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-166 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT. (City Manager)

ORDINANCE

2015-167 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, POLICE LEVY, STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENTS, PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION, FIRE PENSION,

MARINA, RECYCLING GRANT, ERIP, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, WPC, WPC CAPITAL AND SELF INSURANCE FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. (Finance Director)

**ORDINANCE**

2015-168 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-149, PASSED ON DECEMBER 7, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 49 OF THE ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL CHARTER.  
(Clerk of Council)

**ORDINANCE**

2015-169 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO FROM JANUARY 1, 2016, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. (Clerk of Council)

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor Permit Request - New**

**Valley View Food LLC, dba Valley View Food, 1123 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004**

**Designations**

C1 Beer only in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00 a.m.

C2 Wine and Certain prepackaged mixed drinks in sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00 a.m.

This location is across the street from Capos Pizza III on Lake Avenue and West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Neither the Ward 2 Councilor nor any others voiced a request for a hearing.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Mr. Nelson Morrison, 325 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 915, presented the following:**

**Main Avenue Summer Flowers:** Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) hired him to water the Main Avenue spring/summer flowers.

**Spring Street Bridge:** Erect a fence on the Spring Street Bridge to deter ones from jumping off the bridge. The President commented that it could be looked into but believes it would be cost prohibitive for the City to do. The City Manager commented that the bridge is located on State Route 84 and would have to be organized with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

**Traffic Signals**

**West 44<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal:** He thanked the Ward 4 Councilor for her part in getting this traffic light fixed.

**Traffic Signal by AMHA High Rise on Lake Avenue:** The light was on full signalization but is currently operating as a flashing light. The President responded that the light is broken. The City Manager is coordinating efforts with Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) to get it replaced.

Mr. Morrison wished everyone holiday greeting.

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>	None
<b>RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:</b>	N/A
<b>ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>	N/A

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The President announced the following meetings:

**Public Hearing:** Council will meet in PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, January 4, at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, to allow for public comments and recommendations regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (J.E.D.D.) CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP.

**Regular Meeting:** The next REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 7pm; Pre-Council is at 6pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the President extended a reminder to "Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula", and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: January 4, 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