

# CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING

## WORK SESSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Meeting Attendees: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey, Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan, Melissa Chosewood, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, Jacob Richardson, Ivy Capps, Trinie Cole, DJ Chandler, Janice Harrelson, Anita Eberly, Buddy Harrelson, Monte Edwards, Tryone Griffin, Jasmine Webb, Koron Webb, Ronnette Smith, Rob Hosack.

**The Work Session for March 29, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:04pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and pledge of allegiance by Clifford McGrady, Hiram Police Department Chaplain.
- The Mayor and Council recognized the following Hiram Elementary School students for receiving Citizenship Awards:
  - Kindergarten: Saje Ross
  - First Grade: Nyima Jobarteh
  - Second Grade: Aaryn Hickerson
  - Third Grade: Dylan Harris
  - Fourth Grade: Hailey Ashworth
  - Fifth Grade: Jana Noguera-Sosa
- Mayor Moran read and presented the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month proclamation to Ivy Capps from the Paulding Child Advocacy Center, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Hiram.
- Mrs. Ivy Capps announced the “Be a Light in the Dark Walk” will take place on April 30, 2022 at 7pm at Veteran’s Memorial Park.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing procedures.
- The City of Hiram held a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the following applications:
  - Application 2022-01-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive front and side setbacks from 6ft. to 3.4ft. on Lot 138. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram.
  - Application 2022-02-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive side setback from 6ft. to 5.8ft. on Lot 66. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram.
  - Application 2022-03-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive side setback from 6ft. to 5.8ft. on Lot 72. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram.
- Clifford McGrady presented his staff recommendation of approval.
- Rob Hosack, agent for the applicant, spoke in support of the applications.
- No one spoke in opposition to the applications.
- The Public Hearing was closed.
- Discussed request from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to adopt a City street.

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- Discussed request from the Hiram Rosenwald School and Museum to utilize Gray's Mill Park and the paved and grass areas of 76 Seaboard Street (old church), on June 19, 2022, for the Juneteenth Festival and Parade. The parade will be from 11am to approximately 12pm, with the festival going on until 5pm. Mr. Tyrone Griffin announced that the School and Museum is now open the first Saturday of the month from 12-3pm and for group tours by appointment.
- Discussed construction plans for parking lot behind City Hall.
- Discussed location of the Veterans Memorial.
- Mayor Moran mentioned hosting a farmers' market at Gray's Mill Park.
- Discussed Gray's Mill Park.
- Discussed replacing the old playground at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park with a gazebo.
- Discussed restroom renovations at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park.
- Discussed siding replacement at Homer Leggett Memorial Park.
- Discussed emergency road repair on Nebo Road between Gorham Gates Drive and Old Nebo Road.
- Discussed Seaboard Township speed reduction devices project.
- Discussed Alcohol Ordinance updates. Pastor Hines and Trinie Cole spoke in opposition to the amendments. Angel and Dave Jackson along with Dr. Pham spoke in support of the amendments.
- Decided to hold discussion of the City of Hiram boundary map until the next Work Session.
- Discussed live streaming of City Council meetings.
- Discussed Veterans Day as a holiday for employees who are veterans.

**22-032:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property. Councilmember Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

- Entered back into the Work Session.
- Councilmember Devey requested that the Council consider sponsoring an event being held on June 18, 2022 for Shepherd's Rest.
- Clifford McGrady mentioned that the Arnold Lane Improvement Project bid advertisement is going out this week.
- Mayor and Council reviewed the Consent Agenda with the City Clerk:
  - Approving request from the Rosenwald
  - Approving replacement of old playground with a gazebo at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park
  - Approving siding replacement at Homer Leggett Memorial Park
  - Approving emergency road repair on Nebo Road
  - Approving Seaboard Township speed reduction devices

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**22-033:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes



Melissa Chosewood

City Clerk

Approved: 4/12/2022

