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Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

August 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Due to a power outage, the AV system was not functioning properly; therefore, the summary minutes are as follows:

Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Members Present: Council Vice President Michael Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, Council President Christopher Hallum, and Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

Also Present: Mayor Andy Gardner, Law Director Michael Lucas, and Finance Director Frank Brichacek

Absent: Councilwoman Julie Belich and Councilwoman Nancy Fellows

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** and seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to excuse **Councilwoman Fellows** and **Councilwoman Belich** from tonight's meeting.

Discussion of Motion:
None.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Council Vice President Kline, Councilman Knecht, Councilwoman Taylor Draper, Council President Hallum, and Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None.
Vote: 5/0

Motion Carries to excuse **Councilwoman Belich** and **Councilwoman Fellows** from tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight's agenda

Public Portion opened at 6:02 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion closed at 6:03 p.m.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2021-053

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** and seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-053.

Discussion on the Motion:

Law Director Lucas thanked Council for holding this Special Meeting during summer recess. He went on to explain that this Ordinance is regarding a lawsuit filed on behalf of residents of the State of Ohio and its communities who have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain. OneOhio was formed to represent the communities. A settlement of \$804,000,000 was reached last week to get money from three of the largest pharmaceutical companies (Johnson & Johnson excluded). The OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form requires signatures from each community to be entitled to a percentage (30%) of benefits from the settlement for local governments paid over eighteen (18) years. This money is to have some nexus to the opioid issues (i.e., education). Should Willoughby Hills receive 70%, the payment will be \$74,509.30. At 100%, the City would receive \$106,441.86. Notification of the settlement was received on August 4th with a signature date of August 6th – latest August 13th. **Law Director Lucas** is requesting this Ordinance be passed on an emergency basis. Once passed, the signed copy of legislation and signed participation agreement will be emailed to the law firm in Kentucky that's handling the lawsuit and settlement.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper asked **Law Director Lucas** asked if the funds would be geared toward specific opioid treatments. **Law Director Lucas** stated that, yes, a certain percentage will go toward Statewide Education and the opioid education process.

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz**

NAYS: None

Vote: 5/0

Motion Carries to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-053.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** and seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2021-053.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner expressed his appreciation to **Law Director Lucas** for all of his help with this (research, paperwork, etc.). **Council President Hallum** agreed and thanked **Law Director Lucas** as well on behalf of the entire **Council**.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2021-053.

RESOLUTION 2021-012

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE MAYOR'S COURT BANK ACCOUNTS WITH HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** and seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-012.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner stated that signature approval of a governing body (**Council**) on bank accounts began when he started in 2020 so he has reviewed the process thoroughly.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion Carries to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-012.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** and seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Resolution 2021-012.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2021-012.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Gardner announced that Harvest Community Church (36400 Maplegrove Road) will be holding a 25th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 22, 2021. It will begin outdoors at 10:30 a.m. (bring a chair) with lunch and activities to be held after.

Mayor Gardner also mentioned that **Council Vice President Kline** found an embroidery place online that can make shirts for **Council** members to offer more uniformity and recognition at public events. **Mayor Gardner** would like an agreement on shirt colors/wording choices. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** suggested red. **Council President Hallum** stated that, as far as a shirt logo, he was waiting for Sandy Racic to get back to him with some possible ideas. **Council Vice President Kline** provided a logo idea with a handout he gave to all **Council** members but said he's open to other ideas – provided a decision is made soon so as to avoid having to expedite shipping. **Council Vice President Kline** added that there is no charge for digitizing or for the logo. There is only a \$5.00 charge to add a name. **Mayor Gardner** stated that he'd like the shirts ordered and here before the Touch-a-Truck event on September 18th. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if **Council** members would be paying for their own shirts and **Mayor Gardner** confirmed that was the case.

Mayor Gardner added that Touch-a-Truck is set for September 18th with a parade start time to be determined. Organizations (VFW, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, sports teams, etc.) have been invited to participate and he'd also like for **Council** members to be included.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper wanted to remind everyone that First Covenant Church (29400 Chardon Road) is having their free Family Movie Night ("Soul Surfer") this Friday, August 13th, at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to adjourn.

Discussion on the Motion:

None

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Hallum, and Jarmuszkiewicz.

NAYS: None

Vote: 5/0

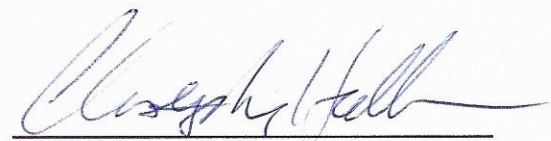
Motion Carries to adjourn the Special Council meeting of August 11, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Date

September 9, 2021



Christopher Hallum
President of Council

ATTEST: _____

Karen Mehollin
Council Clerk