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Special Meeting of Council Minutes of December 21, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Hallum** presided.

Call to Order 5:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:01)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:13)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:30)

Members Present: Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, Council President Chris Hallum, Council Vice President Michael Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht

Absent: Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

Also Present: Mayor Gardner and Finance Director Bruce Scott

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to excuse **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** from tonight's meeting.

Council President Hallum stated **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** alerted Council and followed protocol.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to excuse **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** from tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 1:27)

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 5:02 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion #1 closed at 5:02 p.m.

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:50)

Motion made by **Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Miller, Taylor Draper, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Belich
Vote: 5/0/1

Motion carries to approve the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

LEGISLATION (Audio: 2:22)

RESOLUTION 2023-020 – FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DRAW A WARRANT FOR THE ORDERS OR CONTRACTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPAIRS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the Three Readings on Resolution 2023-020.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Resolution 2023-020.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Resolution 2023-020.

Discussion on the Motion:

Council Vice President Kline explained the need for Then and Now legislation and the process. (Audio: 4:11)

Roll Call: **AYES:** Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to adopt Resolution 2023-020.

RESOLUTION 2023-021 – FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH BISHOP QUEEN, LLC AND THE WILLOUGHBY EASTLAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the Three Readings on Resolution 2023-021.

Roll Call: AYES: Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Resolution 2023-021.

Motion made by **Councilman Knecht** seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Resolution 2023-021.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner stated this Resolution is in reference to the redevelopment of the Bishop Shopping Plaza. The project plans have been through the Planning Commission. The owners would like to bring four new national tenants. He briefly explained the current Ohio laws allowing for property tax exemption and the process with the School Board of Education. **(Audio: 7:47)**

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated she is in favor of the Resolution and commended the owner, Mr. Scheel, on his commitment to improving the community.

Roll Call: AYES: Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to adopt Resolution 2023-021.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY(Audio: 11:37)

Council President Hallum wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 11:57)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: AYES: Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum, Kline, and Knecht
NAYS: None
Vote: 6/0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVED: 1-11-24
Date


Michael Kline
President of Council

ATTEST: 
Laura O'Donnell
Clerk of Council